

News Digest

Adoption is factor

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Plains, Ga. — One of the factors that played a little known but apparently significant role in the Rev. Bruce Edwards's resignation last Sunday as pastor of the Plains Baptist Church was disapproval by some church members of the adoption by the Edwards family of a 1-year-old, tan-skinned boy whose racial background Edwards describes only as "non Caucasian."

Some coffee prices up

Washington (UPI) —

General foods, the nation's largest coffee seller, said Wednesday it will have to raise its wholesale prices to about \$3.55 a pound, but Folger's, No. 2 in the market, said more price hikes are not inevitable.

One more helping?

Dennison, Iowa (UPI) —

Dennison Police Chief Robert Schrader could be on his way to a place in the Guinness Book of World Records after eating 3 pounds, 4 ounces of mashed potatoes in 3 minutes, 26 seconds Tuesday.

The previous record was 3 pounds in 18 minutes, he said.

After the potatoes Schrader said, "I don't even feel sick. I am going to go home and have a big steak dinner."

Amin foiled plot

Nairobi, Kenya (UPI) —

Uganda's President Idi Amin said Wednesday he had foiled a plot by U.S., British or Israeli paratroops to overthrow his regime in a helicopter attack and admitted that "some people" had died as a result.

The United States branded the allegations as "absurd" and issued a blunt statement condemning the "massive violations" of human rights in Uganda.

Smith presses plan

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Salisbury, Rhodesia — Prime Minister Ian D. Smith pressed ahead Wednesday with his own plan for a constitutional settlement in Rhodesia, announcing changes to enable blacks to buy businesses, factories and farms in previously all-white areas, while leaving other facets of segregation untouched.

Election interpreted

Moorhead, Minn. (AP) —

The election of Republican Arian Stangeland in Minnesota's special congressional election was seen Wednesday as a victory by a well-financed candidate well-attuned to his district.

Stangeland, a 47-year-old farmer and former state legislator, swamped three opponents, including Democrat Michael Sullivan, a former aide to Vice President Walter F. Mondale and Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland.

Anti-Fascists happy

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Madrid — Esteem for the government of Premier Adolfo Suarez rose Wednesday among left-of-center groups after the arrests Tuesday of a band of Italian neo-Fascists and two ultraright Spaniards.

"Finally, the government has decided to put an end to the obscure ultraright forces, linked to international Fascism," commented Abel Hernandez in Wednesday afternoon's *Informaciones*, expressing a common sentiment: "For the Fascist International, the Spanish paradise is finished."

Blustery, overcast

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Decreasing cloudiness with highs in 40s Thursday. Windy and colder. Winds northerly 30 to 45 m.p.h. Partly cloudy Thursday night with low in mid 20s. Partly cloudy Friday. High 45 to 50.

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Today's Chuckie

A candidate once remarked that he would rather be right than President. Is there something in the Constitution that says you can't be both?

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Carter's concern for rights worldwide

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Washington — President Carter said Wednesday he was trying to make American concern for human rights felt around the world and had never intended to single out the Soviet Union as the only major transgressor.

I have never had an inclination to single out the Soviet Union as the only country where human rights are being abridged," the President told his second news conference since taking office.

Carter noted that he had spoken out about political prisoners in South Korea, Cuba and several Latin American countries, and he said the recent actions by Gen. Idi Amin in Uganda had disgusted the entire civilized world.

The President's remarks were interpreted as a gesture to ease frictions with the Soviet Union

which had complained that the administration's recent repeated comments on human rights violations constituted interference in internal Soviet affairs and endangered relations between the two countries.

In broadening his targets on human rights violations beyond the Soviet Union, Carter declared that the United States itself was culpable "for restricting foreign travel in this country and withholding visas from those who disagree with us politically."

After mentioning his concern for political prisoners in Cuba, Carter seemed to stiffen the administration's conditions for normalizing relations with Premier Fidel Castro. He did, however, express a willingness to discuss matters of difference with the Cuban leaders.

The President's remarks on human rights coincided with the appearance on Capitol Hill of one of the Soviet Union's most prominent dissidents, Vladimir K. Bukovsky, who urged the West to adopt a firm, relentless and constant stand that he said would eventually force the Soviet Union to recognize political realities.

Bukovsky's appearance before the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe took on added significance because he is scheduled to meet next week with both Carter and Vice President Mondale at the White House.

Carter's comments on human rights came in response to a reporter's question about what, if anything, he planned to do to help victims of political repression in Iran and the Philippines.

countries in which the questioner suggested by the United States had more leverage than it did with the Soviet Union.

In reply, the President did not refer either to Iran or the Philippines. He cited specifically only Uganda, South Korea and Cuba while making his disclaimer about singling out the Soviet Union and conceding that "we are ourselves culpable in some ways."

I think without my trying to take credit for it there has been a substantial move toward concern about human rights throughout the world," Carter said. "I think this has taken place in probably a dozen or more different countries."

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Staff photo by Randy Hampton

Plimpton intrigued by "arena" lives.

Plimpton's a lion at heart

By Deb Gray

Star Staff Writer

George Plimpton has performed with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, played football with the Detroit Lions, photographed for *Playboy* Magazine and performed on a trapeze.

He has written about 10 books — including best-sellers "Paper Lion" and "Out of My League" — about being an amateur among professionals. But the activities were not that satisfying, he said. "There's no way of coming up to their (professional athletes') standards," he said. "Humility is assured."

Plimpton was in Lincoln Wednesday as part of the festivities opening the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus Union.

His participation in professional arenas, Plimpton said, was a means to an end — a device to get as close to his subject as he could by becoming a part of the team.

Most of the time, he said, he was scared to death.

Plimpton said he has participated in almost all the major sports. Athletes interest him, he said, because they lead exciting lives that seem compressed in time.

Plimpton said the most pathetic of athletic figures is the boxer past his prime. Then it's more than a case of watching a man struggling against the ravages of age. It's watching "a friend get beaten up when he's progressed beyond his skills."

His most terrifying experience, he said,

was playing the triangle with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

If he made a mistake in a football game it wasn't the end of the world, Plimpton said. With the orchestra, the demand for perfection was greater. "I was bawled out constantly."

The circus intrigued Plimpton. He said it's a world of freaks — people who failed elsewhere.

Circus people are protective of one another. No matter how excessive he was in the outside world, he could return to the circus and be accepted, he said.

Plimpton is finishing a book, "Shadow-box," about Muhammad Ali. And this September he will play hockey with the Boston Bruins — something he says he's not too excited about.

Vitek: 'Corrections no longer state's Cinderella'

By Don Walton

Star Staff Writer

Gov. J. James Exon's proposed \$2.1 million increase in state tax funding for correctional services will allow Nebraska to continue to make dramatic progress in the coming year, the Legislature's Appropriations Committee was told Wednesday.

We've received preferential treatment in recent years from both the governor and the Legislature. State Correctional Services Director Joe Vitek said.

Corrections is no longer the Cinderella of state government.

Vitek said the proposal fiscal 1977-78 budget may not meet all of his agency's treatment needs but it provides for the level of improvement which the department can efficiently institute within a year.

Exon has recommended a boost in state tax support from \$12.5 million to \$14.6 million.

The agency's total budget would rise from \$15.7 million to \$17.9 million under the governor's proposal. That compares to a total request of \$18.5 million.

Vitek said increased funds are needed not only to improve correctional programs but to meet needs resulting from sharp increases in the population of the Penal Complex.

Current population at the Penitentiary and the Reformatory totals 1,359.

That represents an increased average daily population of 262 since 1975, Warden Robert Parratt said.

The budget anticipates a total population of about 1,500 inmates in the coming fiscal year.

Exon has proposed that the department's budget include a \$316,579 discretionary fund for

Vitek to use in meeting specific needs.

Parratt told the committee that he anticipates approval of increased funding for inmate wages, psychiatric care and medical services from that fund. The budget includes specific funding to improve educational services.

Vitek told senators that intense opposition from Omaha citizens and political leaders had forced him to abandon, at least for now, plans to institute a community-centered diversionary program for offenders in that community as directed by the Unicameral.

The program was designed to divert some offenders from institutionalization at the Penal Complex.

Sen. Douglas Bereuter of Uteka expressed concern that "the example which Omaha is setting could spread to other communities in the state."

Vitek said there is a demonstrated need to

move into more community-based programs, and he hopes to be able to do so in the future.

In a brief report on progress at the Penal Complex, Parratt said 428 inmates are now enrolled in some educational program, 197 are now receiving chemical dependency services, 125 are involved in skill training and 130 are at work in correctional industries.

Medical and psychiatric services have been improved, he said.

But both Vitek and Parratt noted that some inmates currently housed in the psychiatric unit should be receiving treatment elsewhere if facilities were available.

We have more people with psychiatric problems than we're equipped to deal with," Vitek said.

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Bank thieves take more than \$1 million

Yonkers, N.Y. (AP) — Two robbers who invaded the Hudson Valley National Bank here made off with more than \$1 million, an FBI agent said Wednesday. It was one of the biggest bank robberies in U.S. history.

Bank officials refused to say how much was taken, but Robert K. Besley, the agent in charge of the FBI office in nearby New Rochelle, said, "It is safe to assume that more than \$1 million" was taken.

Besley said all the money deposited by Yonkers Raceway at the bank from its three-day holiday weekend of races was stolen Tuesday morning. A bank official confirmed Besley's statement.

They knew what they were after, Besley said of the robbers. Besley confirmed earlier reports from a track accountant that the raceway's deposits included about \$700,000 in daily operating cash — money deposited each night and withdrawn before the next day's races.

He estimated the track's share of the money bet on the three racing nights in question would exceed \$600,000 and that there would have been additional money from such things as horsemen's fees.

Using Besley's calculations, that would mean the track's weekend deposit could easily exceed \$1.2 million.

Spies, wires and drug-federal authorities indicate that if the amount of cash involved approaches or exceeds \$1 million, it would be the biggest cash robbery of a bank in U.S. history.

In a statement, FBI officials in New York and Sidney, Thimposer, bank chairman, said that no accounts of any deposits were affected by the robbery.

The robbers were inside the bank when two employees arrived shortly after 7 a.m. Tuesday. The two had come to work early so they could begin counting deposits made over the holiday weekend.

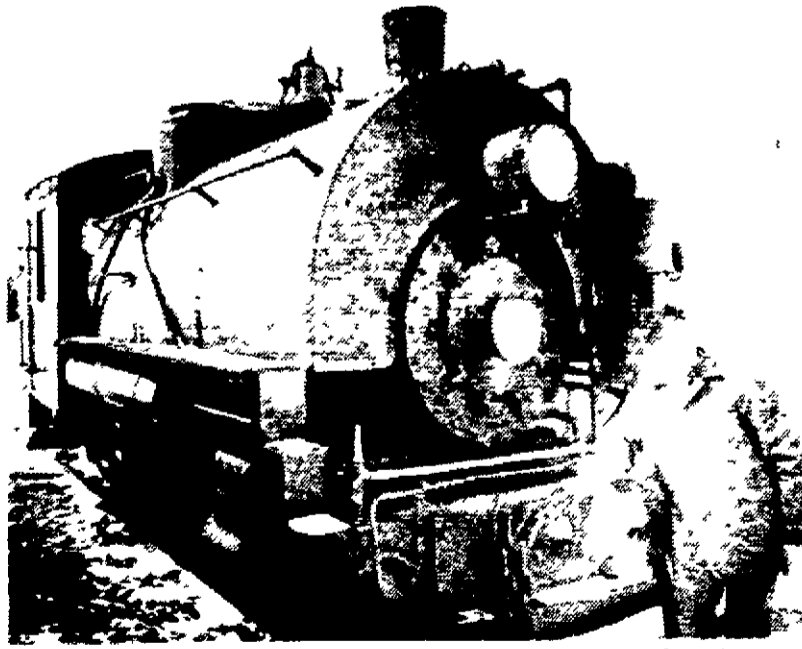
The robbers handcuffed the two workers, placed empty money sacks over their heads and began emptying trays of money into a duffel bag they brought with them. The men also took some unopened money boxes.

The employees told police they could hear the robbers monitoring police conversations over walkie-talkies.

Although the robbery was described as polished and professional, the thieves apparently took about \$1 million in cash in trays in the vault, bank officials said.

The robbers' entryway — a 16-inch square hole in a wall between the bank and a public lobby that may have been cut off before.

The robbers took about 20 minutes to complete their work. As they left, they tripped an alarm, bringing police to the bank within minutes.



The dream is ending

For years, Fred Steck of Reese, Mich., dreamed of having his own railroad. He made it come true six years ago after investing \$60,000 and traveling the country buying vintage steam equipment. He put it all on a

mile of track back of his house. But now Steck is retired. Keeping up his railroad is costing him and his wife too much, and they are being forced to sell it.

State Patrol discipline upheld

The Nebraska State Patrol's punishment of drug investigator Carol A. Franssen for a speeding violation has been upheld by State Personnel Director Roy Gardner.

In a letter to Franssen and the patrol, Gardner said the four months administrative probation given Franssen for speeding on Interstate 80 was an authorized management tool.

Franssen was stopped for speeding while on duty on Dec. 20, 1976. He was put on probation in January. During a hearing Feb. 10, Franssen said he didn't contest the fact that he was speeding

only the severity of the discipline.

After the hearing, Franssen resigned, expressing discontent with the drug division and saying he felt he could no longer work within the system to correct what he sees as problems.

Gardner ruled that Franssen showed complete disregard for public safety and extremely poor judgment by speeding on the Interstate.

Contacted in Atlanta, Ga., Franssen said he doubted he would appeal the decision, although he would consult with his attorney, Roger Beverage, and the State Troopers Association.

Low pressure sucks in storm

Blizzard conditions blanketed central Nebraska Wednesday as an intense low pressure system moved slowly over the eastern part of the state.

The storm, accompanied by very strong winds, dumped up to nine inches of heavy wet snow on the Valentine area, creating four- to five-foot drifts.

All roads east, west and south out of Valentine were blocked. The State Roads Department reported. Early Wednesday afternoon snowplow crews were ordered off the roads in the area due to poor visibility caused by the blowing snow.

Rain or rain mixed with snow fell in western Nebraska while drizzle or snow reached into the northeast. Only portions of the southeast remained dry.

Barometers in eastern Nebraska dropped to near record lows. In Lincoln the reading fell to 28.81 inches, compared to the city's lowest mark recorded, 28.72 inches, established in March 1961. The record for Wednesday at Eppley Airfield in Omaha fell to 28.87 inches, the lowest recorded there since March 26, 1960, when the reading was 28.88 inches.

The storm moved into central and south Nebraska Wednesday morning, dumping snow and rain mixed with sleet.

Highways were 100% snow-covered in the west, central and north and northwestern parts of the state by late Wednesday. Interstate 80 was reported closed except for a heavy snowpack in the Grand Island and Kearney areas.

Winds gusting as high as 60 m.p.h. kept hours of visibility near zero, causing extremely hazardous driving conditions.

Accidents attributed to the moisture through the air and the wind damage to fields and pastures, aggravated the recent precipitation here.

In addition, the moisture, measured as 0.6 of an inch at the airport, came in the form of light rain. Valentine led in precipitation with 62 of an inch, followed by Norfolk 56, Chadron 32, Omaha 30, North Platte 19, Grand Island 18 and Scottsbluff 02.

Dust whips across plains

United Press International

Dust storms churned by winds of up to 100 miles per hour swept the drought-parched Western plains Wednesday, damaging crops, downing power lines and triggering tornadoes that killed two persons and injured at least seven others.

The storm created such havoc in Kansas that a postman could not complete his rounds. Observers in Colorado compared the storm to the Dust Bowl storms of the 1930s.

Strong winds fanned a major grass fire in southwestern Texas, bringing firefighters from 11 counties to the scene.

In Colorado, the fierce winds snapped telephone lines, uprooted trees and yanked the roofs from buildings. Aluminum storage sheds were blown from their foundations. Rural schools were closed.

"I can barely see a block away from where I am standing," said Cecil Stone, a deputy sheriff in Lincoln County, Colo.

The turbulent storm system raked the Midlands all the way to Mississippi, where a 3-year-old child was killed and six other persons were injured by a tornado that struck southeast of the town of Louisville.

An elderly woman, Effie Mae Morgan of Joplin, died in a Missouri twister, and another

tornado damaged a home and injured a woman in Mason City, Iowa. Mid-winter temperatures climbed to the 60s in Illinois before the storm swept across the state.

Winter and spring appeared to be fighting — several weeks prematurely — for the upper hand in the Midwest and the South.

Southwest Kansas officials said it was hard to tell the effects of the dust storm on the fragile and dry young wheat crop. In Finney County, agricultural agent Otis Griggs said the wind caused "a tremendous amount of damage" to fields.

The 90-mile-an-hour, dust-filled winds in eastern Colorado and western Kansas yanked roofs off homes and closed schools and highways.

Ysabel Orusco, a rural mailman out of Garden City, Kan., ran into zero visibility while on his rounds and drove his car into a ditch. He reached sheriff's deputies through citizen's band radio and was rescued.

"It's so bad out there you can't even see the front of your car," he said. "I haven't made my rounds. I told the postmaster I locked my car and the mail's inside. I'll just have to wait until the dust settles to go back out."

A Golden Fleece would help a little

Madison, Wis. (AP) — Sen. William Proxmire's chilly tenant says she can think of one good use for those periodic "golden fleece" awards which Proxmire puts out to make fun of what he sees as unwarranted federal spending on research projects.

Kaye Schultz, 23, and another woman share a five-bedroom frame home which they rent from the Wisconsin Democrat. They have begun withholding rent from him because, Miss

Schultz says, the house has no insulation and her efforts to get Proxmire to put some up have failed. Her fuel oil bill last month was \$280, she said.

One alternative, she says, is for Proxmire to give her some of those awards. Maybe, she says, she could tack them up as insulation.

Proxmire was not immediately available for comment. And aide in Madison said he is "considering his options."

Supreme Court boosts environmentalists' cause

Washington (UPI) — The Supreme Court Wednesday boosted the environmentalist cause by upholding the government's right to fix specific, nationwide tolerance standards for pollutants discharged into rivers.

The case concerned the heart of a 1972 law designed to cut down industrial pollution in stages and eliminate it entirely by 1985.

Eight leading chemical manufacturers argued that the Environmental Protection agency's Authority was confined to issuing general guidelines and that precise amounts of a pollutant would figure only when an individual company applied for its required permit.

But Justice John Paul Stevens, speaking for an eight-man court, said this approach would require EPA "to give individual consideration to the circumstances of each of the more than 42,000 dischargers who have applied for permits."

Stevens cited the legislative history of 1972 amendments to the water pollution act, the views of EPA and "scholarly opinions written by some of our finest judges." He said the language of the law clearly authorizes the agency to set precise limits for pollutants for various classes of plants.

Personalities

Hoffman claims he was in custody



Abbie Hoffman, who has been underground for three years as a fugitive on a drug charge, says he was arrested a few months ago but was let go because the police "didn't know who I was."

Hoffman, who could face a mandatory sentence of 25 years to life imprisonment if convicted of selling cocaine to a police undercover agent, said he was jailed on "some charge like disturbing the peace."

Rabin leads party in election

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin beat back a strong challenge from Defense Minister Shimon Peres and

won the ruling Labor party's nomination Wednesday night to lead it in Israel's May 17 general election. The official vote was 1,445 for Rabin, 1,404 for Peres and 16 abstentions.

Hunt released from prison

E. Howard Hunt, the convicted Watergate burglar and author of spy thrillers, flew to Boston Wednesday after slipping quietly away from a federal prison in Florida under cover of early morning darkness.

Beer and tea don't mix

Billy Carter, the President's beer-drinking brother, stepped off an airplane for an appearance at a peanut trade show Wednesday in Ahoskie, N.C., and was offered sassafras tea.

"Oh, God," cracked Carter, who said he had consumed three beers on the flight from Albany, Ga.

Heart patients often unaware

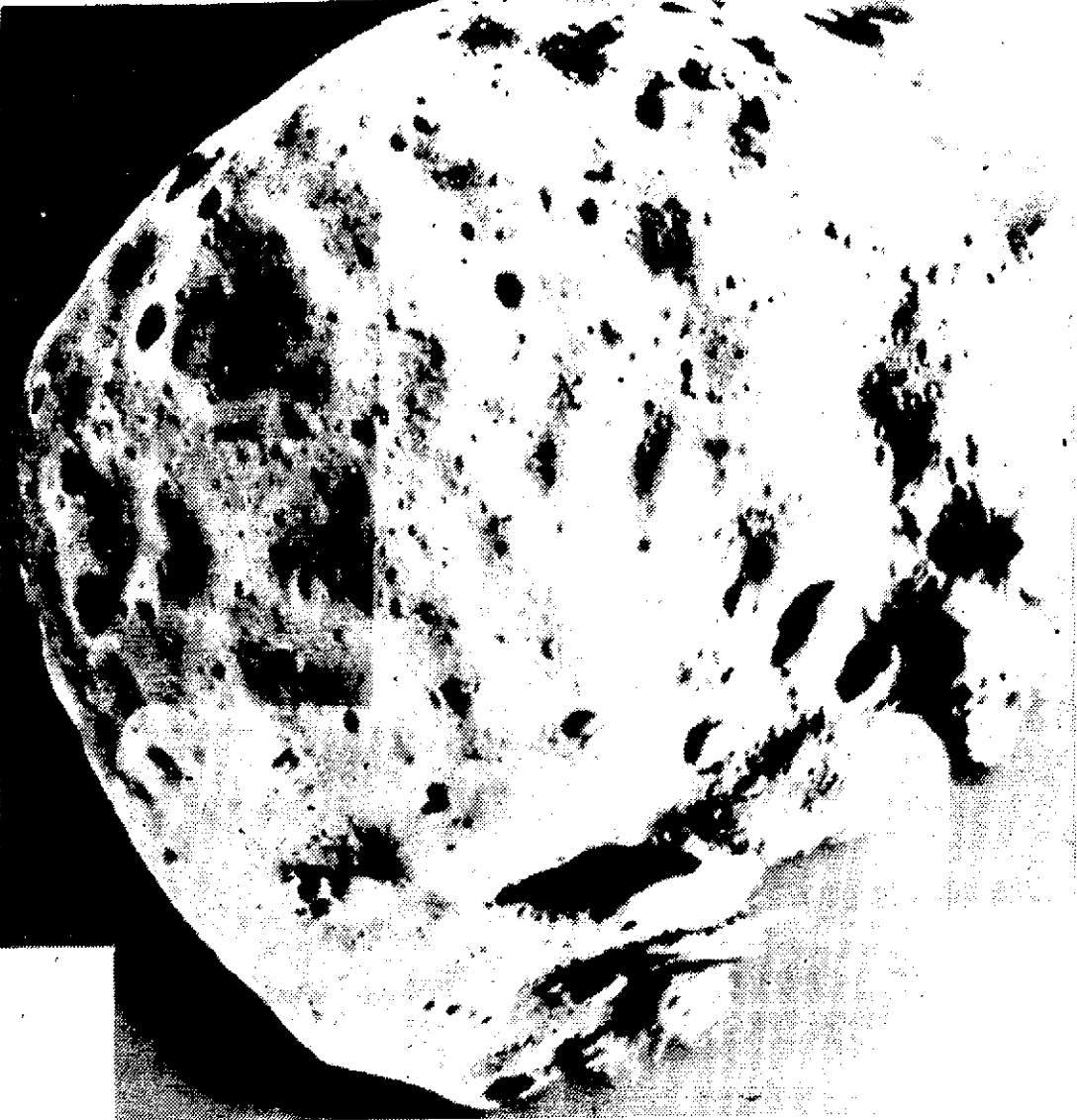
Stanford, Calif. (UPI) — Almost half the patients hospitalized for heart attacks were unaware they had a disease involving the heart, according to a survey made at six hospitals in the San Jose, Calif., area.

School lunch

Friday

Elementary schools: Macaroni and cheese, green beans, cole slaw or cabbage wedge, peanut butter sandwich, canned fruit, chocolate milk.

Junior and senior high schools: Tuna and noodles, chef's special, oven browned potatoes, carrots, stewed tomatoes, juice, lettuce wedge, Waldorf salad, hot roll and butter, sliced cold meat, peanut butter or cheese sandwich, assorted cookies, fruit, milk.



Phobos has small knolls

This photo mosaic shows Mars' inner satellite, Phobos, as photographed last Friday by Viking Orbiter 1 at an elevation of 300 miles. As seen here, Phobos is about 75% illuminated and about 13 miles across and 11.8 miles from top to bottom. The south pole is within the large crater, Hall, at the bottom center where the pictures overlap. A surprising discovery had been made of what apparently resemble small rounded knolls which may be surface debris from previous meteor impacts.

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Carter comments on CIA payments.

Carter finds nothing bad about CIA payments

Washington (AP) — President Carter put his stamp of approval Wednesday on all current CIA activities and said his review of news reports that the CIA has secretly paid millions of dollars to foreign leaders has “not found anything illegal or improper.”

Carter defended the \$2.75-billion reduction in defense expenditures he proposed in the revised budget he submitted to Congress on Tuesday. But he said “I can’t say” whether next year’s Pentagon budget will be more.

The President promised to send Congress his proposal for a new department of energy “the first of next week” and said he probably will present his comprehensive energy policy in a speech to a joint session of Congress around April 20.

Carter made the point in his second nationally televised news conference as President. The questioning appeared more pointed than during his first, on Feb. 8, but he answered without any substantial misuses and lingered afterward to talk to reporters after television cameras were turned off.

During the news conference, the President made these points:

- He has not reached any decision on whether to go ahead with production of the costly B1 bombers but hopes to decide by May. “I have serious questions whether the B1 ought to be in the center of airborne defense capability,” he said.

Carter said that he would be less likely to order a production go-ahead if the Soviet Union co-operates in “lessening tensions.”

- The administration is analyzing the pressures and problems of inflation, and Carter will speak out on corrective measures when that analysis is completed. “I think rigid (wage and price) guidelines are a mistake,” he said.
- But Carter said that he will “retain the option” of asking business and labor for advance notice of wage or price increases. He said the program would be voluntary.
- Another analysis is being conducted on reducing the amount of government regulation over business, beginning with the airline industry.

Carter said he will send Congress a message about that, probably next week.

- He prefers to have all public elections federally financed, an extension of the system by which the government now pays for the presidential election campaign.
- Carter also said he favors eliminating the electoral college and providing “a simple way for American people who are citizens and 18 years old to register to vote.”
- Secretary of State Cyrus Vance’s recent Middle East trip was “very successful.” Vance reported to Carter on the trip during a morning meeting with national security advisers.
- Carter said he plans to see Arab and Israeli

leaders in Washington starting March 12 with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The White House later said the proposed visit is planned for March 7 and 8.

During his presidential campaign Carter pledged he would provide full public accountability of intelligence abuses or mistakes.

On Feb. 11, 1976, in Manchester, N.H., Carter was quoted as saying “If the CIA ever makes a mistake, I’ll be the one, as President, to call a press conference and I’ll tell you and the American people ‘this is what happened, these are the people who violated the law, this is the punishment I would recommend, this is the corrective action that needs to be taken, and I promise you it won’t happen again.’”

In replay to a question about newspaper accounts of secret CIA payments to King Hussein of Jordan and other foreign leaders totalling millions of dollars in return for intelligence and other advantages, Carter told Wednesday’s news conference

“I have adopted a policy, which I am not going to leave, of not commenting directly on any specific CIA activity . . . I have reviewed the more controversial revelations that have been publicized in the last few days, some quite erroneous, some with some degree of accuracy.

“These same operations have been reviewed by the Intelligence Oversight Board,

an independent board, and also by my predecessor, President Ford. I have not found anything illegal or improper.”

Carter says he does not know how he would address the same question if he were still a candidate.

But he added “Impropriety or illegality does not exist on any ongoing CIA operation.”

The news reports said the secret payments were made during previous administrations.

A Carter aide said after the news conference:

“There is a fundamental difference between saying if I made a mistake I’ll ‘fess up to it and take the lumps, but if it is discovered that my predecessor did something, I don’t think we’re obligated to stand up and criticize him.”

In reply to questions about the defense budget, Carter said the reduction in suggested expenditures “has been done without weakening our own defense capability.”

Carter, who has promised a \$5 billion to \$7 billion reduction in defense spending during his years in office, said the present proposed reduction came in reassessment of defense contracts, priorities in new weapons, changes in military personnel assignments and correction of inequities in the military retirement system.

Demos compare Carter to Nixon

Washington (AP) — Angry House Democrats summoned up comparisons with the Nixon administration Wednesday in denouncing President Carter’s decision to stop new spending on 19 big water-control projects.

For the new president, the underlying theme to the criticism was clear. Don’t mess around with public-works projects that Congress has already decided are important.

“I seem to remember some speeches (during the presidential campaign) about openness and consulting with Congress,” said Rep. Morris K. Udall, D-Ariz., who chaired the House Interior Committee meeting. Why, he asked, was there no consultation before such a major decision?

Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus told the congressmen they should not have been surprised. After all, he said, Carter made another campaign promise — to re-evaluate some of the expensive water-control projects to see if money could be

saved.

“I ask you to bear in mind that there have been no permanent decisions about these projects,” Andrus said, adding that the administration will conduct a complete review before actually ending any projects.

“It seems to me you have the whole thing backwards,” said Udall, saying the effect of the administration decision is to find the projects lacking before reviewing them. Udall is a backer of the most expensive of the dams, the \$1.4 billion Central Arizona Project.

Carter will announce a final decision on the projects on April 15. Supporters of the 19 programs, the largest eight of which will cost about \$5.1 billion, will have until then to justify their views.

Udall and others on the committee recalled the numerous battles when the Nixon administration refused to spend money that Congress had appropriated.

“We’re still kind of nervous in Congress,” added Udall, who received

assurances from Andrus that the decision-making process on the dams will be public and in the open.

However, Andrus conceded he did not know what would happen if the administration finally concludes that one or more of the projects should be killed and Congress refuses to go along.

“I’ll be very happy to discuss that with the President,” Andrus said. But he noted that Carter takes a dim view of not spending money that Congress has appropriated.

Carter administration technicians briefly reviewed more than 300 water-control projects before narrowing down to 19 those that were considered questionable for environmental, safety or cost-benefit factors.

Interior Committee members reminded Andrus that each of the 19 projects was thoroughly reviewed by Congress before being approved.

Committee OKs Turner for CIA

Washington (UPI) — The Senate Intelligence Committee Wednesday unanimously recommended that Adm. Stansfield Turner be confirmed as CIA director.

Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, committee chairman, said he would recommend full Senate confirmation of Turner.

Turner in Tuesday’s testimony, had told the committee he would resign as CIA director rather than carry out a presidential order for activities he felt were illegal.

The 53-year-old Turner, former classmate of President Carter at the Naval Academy, will be permitted to keep his naval commission. Inouye said Turner had agreed not to seek either the position of chief of naval operations or chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,

House accommodates stimulus

Washington (UPI) — The House Wednesday made room in this year’s federal budget for President Carter’s \$50 tax rebate and jobs plan after Republicans failed to defeat it.

The House approved 239 to 169 a resolution revising budget ceilings for fiscal 1977 to include the first year of Carter’s \$31 billion proposal. The resolution now goes to conference with the Senate to iron out of minor differences between the House measure and a Senate-passed version.

The budget resolution that emerges will not enact Carter’s package, but it is a necessary step to bringing the details of his proposal to the House and Senate floors.

As a last-minute addition, the House added \$215 million to this year’s budget ceiling — setting it at \$418.9 billion, with a deficit of \$70 billion — to permit countercyclical aid to state and local governments to be speeded up.

Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y., who introduced that proposal, said it would create or preserve 60,000 jobs.

The House rejected 148 to 258 a Republican

proposal to substitute for the tax rebate a permanent 22% cut in the income taxes of all Americans.

Rep. John Rousselot of California, who offered that proposal, said it would do more for the economy than “federal boondoggles that would just expand the federal bureaucracy.”

Rep. Delbert Latta, R-Ohio, said \$50 would only give Americans “one trip to the grocery.”

Do you mean to tell me we’re going to create jobs by such a proposal? Latta asked. “Hogwash!”

House Republican leader John Rhodes of Arizona said the rebate would lead to another spiral of inflation — “it’s the worst thing we could do.”

But House Budget Committee Chairman Robert Giacomini, D-Conn., said the GOP plan would reduce tax revenues \$19 billion this year, cut spending by \$14 billion and wipe out the stimulus Democrats say is necessary to get the economy going. Majority leader Jim Wright of Texas said the Republican plan would reward rich people more than the poor.

Gulf denies it is withholding gas

Washington (AP) — Gulf Oil Corp. violated federal law by failing to deliver contracted amounts of natural gas to a pipeline system serving 16 states, a House subcommittee charged Wednesday.

Gulf denied that it is deliberately withholding gas and said it is doing everything “humanly possible” to get it to customers.

The report by a panel of the House Commerce Committee also accused the Federal Power Commission of a “six-year-regulatory failure” in its dealings with Gulf.

The subcommittee released the report while an official of Texaco, Inc., was testifying on separate allegations that his firm is not developing reserves of 500 billion cubic feet of gas in the Gulf of Mexico because of a desire to maximize profits.

But Richard B. Palmer, senior vice president for Texaco’s Western Hemisphere operations, said the company has no intention of accelerating production from the two fields despite the accusations of gas hoarding. The charges were leveled by subcommittee investigators.

Palmer denied that Texaco is intentionally withholding gas. He said such allegations are hampering the nation’s efforts to get a sound energy policy and defended his firm’s right to make money.

“A company in this economy that doesn’t make money is a drag on this economy. I think you will agree,” he testified.

In its report on Gulf, the subcommittee asserted that Gulf has violated the Natural Gas Act by failing to deliver 625 million cubic feet of gas per day last year to the Texas Eastern Transmission Corp., a major pipeline system.

It recommended that the FPC and Texas Eastern “initiate legal proceedings against Gulf to require that it comply with its delivery obligations.” Any such legal action would be in addition to an October 1976 FPC directive ordering Gulf to supply the gas in question.

The report said that consumers “cannot rely on the Federal Power Commission to protect them because the commission did not move in a timely manner to enforce Gulf’s delivery obligations.”

Texas Eastern supplies gas to Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland and Delaware.

New Jersey was the hardest hit of states suffering gas curtailments last year as a result of Gulf’s failure to deliver the contracted gas to Texas Eastern, the report said.

In a letter to subcommittee member Andrew Maguire, D-N.J., Gulf Chairman Jerry McAfee said, “Gulf is doing everything humanly possible to meet the terms of the contract. Gulf has been producing and delivering the maximum amount of natural gas which can be produced from fields that we operate.”

Maguire had written a letter to White House energy chief James Schlesinger to protest the Gulf curtailments.

McAfee said sections of the Texas Eastern contract remain under litigation. “We believe this judicial process should be allowed to proceed unencumbered by pressure from other branches of the federal government,” he said.

The Gulf chairman acknowledged that Gulf underestimated its gas reserves in the 1960s. “When Gulf recognized that additional gas would be needed to fulfill the contract, immediate efforts were undertaken,” he added.

The Gulf official said that in the meantime, the government cannot force the company to come up with gas it doesn’t have.

The subcommittee report said consumers paid millions of dollars more because of Gulf’s alleged curtailments last year — before the even larger shortages caused earlier this year by the abnormally cold weather east of the Rocky Mountains.

As an example, it claimed that customers of Public Service Electric and Gas Co. of New Jersey have had to pay \$175 million more because the Gulf curtailments caused utilities served by Texas Eastern to find more expensive supplies of gas.

It said that Gulf entered into an unconditional contract to supply the gas to Texas Eastern in 1963 for a 26-year period but began renegeing on the contract in 1971. Yet it took the FPC almost six years to move against Gulf, and then only after the subcommittee prodded the FPC into acting in 1976, the report said.

Gulf’s failure to meet its contractual obligations is a violation of the Natural Gas Act, which sets statutory standards for gas delivery obligations, the report said.

It also said Gulf and Texas Eastern “may have engaged in a conspiracy in violation of federal law to withhold gas from the interstate market until the price increased.”

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DeCamp marijuana bill a more realistic approach

Two opposing views on dealing with marijuana use were presented to the Legislature's Judiciary Committee this week, one proposing stiffer penalties for possession in hopes of staving off "an epidemic" of drug use and the other providing for lesser penalties for possession of small amounts of pot, and providing for expediting the handling of such cases.

The latter view, encompassed in Sen. John DeCamp's LB187, is clearly the more realistic and would be the greater aid to law enforcement agencies and the courts in dealing with the entire drug problem. The lowering of penalties for simple possession cases involving small amounts of marijuana would influence law enforcement officers to go after bigger game. The provision permitting officers to issue citations to persons caught with small amounts — as is done now in Lincoln in some cases — would have the effect of speeding up handling of misdemeanor possession offenses. Testimony given the committee said that processing misdemeanor possession cases now costs taxpayers about \$1,600 for each case whereas the normal fine is in the \$50 range. Courts and law enforcement spokesmen alike agree that such expense could better be used in enforcing

against more serious drug offenses.

Sen. Pat Venditte of Omaha, who is the sponsor of the bill, LB269, which proposes stiffer penalties for marijuana possession, inaccurately describes DeCamp's bill as one which "legalizes" marijuana. Such a distortion may appeal to anti-drug emotions, but it also does no favor to those interested in realistically attacking the drug problem.

There is no hard evidence that stiffer penalties for possessing small amounts of marijuana will stamp out the widespread use of pot.

There is much agreement by the authorities, however, that present penalties and procedures bog down the justice system with small-fry cases.

The weight of expert testimony at the Judiciary Committee hearing this week was in behalf of the DeCamp approach to handling marijuana cases.

His bill, LB187, as a tool for law enforcement and the courts, and as a measure which proposes penalties more befitting the offenses in question, is the much preferred of the two proposals.

Venditte may be sincere in his concern over drug abuse, but we think his efforts are misguided and his arguments against the DeCamp approach are misleading.

An appropriate warning

Lincoln attorney Paul Galter sounded an appropriate warning before the City Council Tuesday. He said the council is "hell bent for chaos" in pursuing its latest liquor license policy which provides for city okay recommendations on two new Class C and two new Class A licenses this year and the same number next year.

This grudging move on the council's part is seen as an attempt to placate the State Liquor Control Commission, which has been issuing new licenses above Lincoln's old license ceiling. The commission, which has final authority in issuing licenses, has regarded the inflexible numbers limit as arbitrary.

The limited flexibility permitted in deciding to increase the numbers limit by two on and off-sale liquor and beer (Class C) licenses and two on-sale only beer (Class A) licenses this year and next is seen as just as arbitrary by Galter.

Admittedly, Galter has more than a casual interest in the council policy. He was a member of a special citizens committee which drafted liquor policy recommendations largely ignored by the council. He also represents one of the

several applicants for a new license.

But Galter's warning is appropriate nevertheless.

The hairline crack in the council's old limitation policy can't possibly be seen as a reasonable attempt to keep up with growth in Lincoln. Nor can the council be expected to equitably dispose of the large number of applications for new licenses. Which applicants will be favored — assuming several present equally good cases — with a new license recommendation from the city and which, failing council blessing, will have to win commission approval or either discard plans or try to purchase at artificially inflated prices an existing franchise to sell alcohol?

The council has already thrown out some would-be licensees who were after a new license. Some had attractive proposals. The council has tentatively blessed others — and by what arbitrary standard?

The council is indeed hell bent for chaos. It should rescue itself and reconsider the new policy, as Galter suggested, or risk further embarrassment by the liquor commission or the courts.

Within the patrol

The Peter principle

Lincoln, Neb.
As I read with great concern the happenings of recent weeks that are occurring within the Nebraska State Patrol and its drug division, it makes me wonder if we are not witnessing the epitome of the "Peter Principle."

Have the leaders of that agency reached their level of incompetency?

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Supports development

Lincoln, Neb.
Old Cheney Road west of 50th is butchered up with too many business entrances now. Also, we still don't have the services and stores we need. I support the Cople planned development at 40th and Old Cheney. It is good for homeowners out here and for the whole city. Why won't the City Council give it a serious hearing?

P. ALLEN

Penalty standard

Lexington, Neb.
We are hoping that at the expense of losing a very good officer, the Nebraska lawmakers will do a complete job of cleaning house instead of selling all of us down the creek.

We need a law system that will be just to all to me, that means a standard of penalties for a standard mistake or breaking of the law without the back-biting and undercover judicial system that has been taking place all over Nebraska.

Nebraska's loss is Michigan's gain.

MR AND MRS LEO COOK

Interests of all

Lincoln, Neb.
Because I agree with the opponents of LB77, I define the Omaha National Bank as abusing the legislative system. Because they have stepped outside the law, they should not be allowed simply to change the law.

Today's Mail

Branch banking has been limited to protect the interests of the smaller banks.

When our government gives in to following the dictates of big business, we have lost democracy.

Nebraska is a state made up of small communities. I hope our new Legislature reflects the interests of our whole state rather than a few powerful banks.

MRS. JOHN VANDEWALLE

Monster on the loose

Fairbury, Neb.
Some of the content of the Feb 15 editorial page (specifically, "On Pornography and Principal" by Virginia Payette, a letter to the editor, "Free Speech First" from "A. L."; the Herblock cartoon) brings to mind the indictment of a total humanistic society by Paul in his letter to the Roman Church: "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."

Within the same week that a news story broke, telling of the tragic fact that as many as a million children are being sexually assaulted and abused some as young as three and four years for the commercial purposes of the pornography business, Payette and A. L. tell us that we should do nothing because if we do, we will destroy our First Amendment guarantees, and Herblock's cartoon suggests that the child-abusers and smut-peddlers are clean-cut good guys who are much endowed with wisdom and are the bulwark and champions of freedom, liberty and right, while those who plead for a modicum of morality and show any concern for our children's minds and well-being are nothing more than unintelligent, hillbilly rednecks.

A. L. said that "Flynt's prosecution was an insult to all Americans." (Larry Flynt is the publisher of "Hustler" Magazine. He was tried and

found guilty of pandering obscenities.) Ms. Payette termed the conviction of Flynt a "bum rap" and "goofy". A. L. didn't deny that "Hustler was smut." Rather, he argued that he didn't "understand why the state should prevent me . . . from viewing this smut . . . if we shell out . . . two bucks." Mrs. Payette became "indignant that a judge in a small county in Ohio can dictate to national publishers what is moral." Is the logical extension of Payette's argument that national publishers are to be the dictators of what is moral to "small county" judges, and for the rest of the nation?

Mush-headed liberalism is a malignant cancer that afflicts the body of American society. We need to find a cure that will eradicate this dread disease. Logic and reasonableness are the best known remedies when applied in strong, large doses.

Society has a right to maintain itself as a civilized, decent organism. Society has a right to "dictate morality" to its members. For example, despite the din and clamor of the "free-speechers" and "free-everythings," society, for self-preservation, has the right to prohibit murder, robbery, rape . . . and pornography. If those who hold judicial powers and sit in influencing positions are so muddled as not to know smut and pornography when they see it and rule against it then they should be replaced with people who can.

It is a pathetic and unbelievable stupid position to state that as a nation, we can do nothing about this monster that is loosed in our midst and is causing us to lose our moral bearing, indeed, our very soul as a nation. A small cadre of pseudo-intellectuals screaming idiotically that "We can't do anything about pornography or we will lose our right of free speech" have taken us down the path to destruction.

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."

JACK LAWRENCE

Pastor
First Church of God

Washington — The private talks between President Carter and Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada here this week were much more solemn than their public statements suggest. For the prime minister had to make clear in private that while he did not believe the people of Quebec would secede from Canada, even the possibility of secession raised fundamental questions for the future of both countries.

Rene Levesque, the premier of Quebec, has been down here recently telling the Economic Club of New York that the separation of Quebec was "inevitable," and inviting U.S. businessmen and bankers to invest in what amounts to the dismemberment of the Canadian federation.

This is regarded by officials here as the worst proposition put to the U.S. government since Nikita Khrushchev invited us to accept the emplacement of Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba, but it's not the sort of thing that can be debated openly or ignored without making things even worse than they really are.

For example, though the internal policies of Canada are none of our business, the defense of North America is a vital question of U.S. security that would scarcely be enhanced by the creation of an independent Quebec alongside a divided Canada. Yet any comment by officials here on the iffy question of what might happen in the future would only encourage the French Canadian argument that Quebec is dominated by the Anglos in Canada and the Yankees down South.

Accordingly, President Carter did what any sensible man would do if his best friend and next-door neighbor suddenly told him that there was the possibility, though not the probability, of a divorce next door. He listened attentively and sympathetically, not wanting to get caught between Ottawa and Quebec City.

Whether United States business and banking leaders will be as sensitive to his family quarrel in Canada is another and equally sensitive question, for Levesque is appealing primarily to them to bolster his economy, now suffering with 10% unemployment, and thus promote his argument that Quebec

Paris — The firm, fresh attitude of President Carter has given new leadership to internal movements for freedom and human rights in a whole series of lands governed by one or another form of autocracy, and this rather abrupt switch in American methods if not aspirations may well end up in "destabilizing" more than one oppressive regime.

The thrust of the Chief Executive's approach was contained in his Feb. 5 letter to Prof. Andrei Sakharov, delivered to the leading Soviet dissident in Moscow, which said: "Human rights are a central concern of my administration . . . The American people and our government will continue our firm commitment to promote respect for human rights not only in our own country but also abroad."

This message obviously encourages a small, resolute group of active dissenters in the U.S.S.R. But one might say it is also addressed to the world at large. And the response was quick. Nicolae Ceausescu, president of a communist Romania that is relatively independent of Moscow in foreign policy but internally imitative, said: "Some circles are attempting to use the Helsinki final accord to interfere in the internal affairs of other nations." (That accord, of course, reaffirmed some human rights.)

By LaVerna Hassler
Star feature writer

"I have just found a substitute for coffee," I informed The Farmer as I brought a steaming bowl of beef and noodles to the dinner table. "We're going to have to drink less and enjoy it more or abandon the practice altogether at the rate the prices keep skyrocketing." I added . . . "unless we begin drinking switchel."

"Who drinks switchel?" he asked simply, daring not to venture too far into the conversation if coffee were to be eliminated from the menu.

"The farmers of long ago drank switchel, that's who, especially during the haying season," I answered. "It just so happens that I have the recipe right here in this 'American Heritage Cookbook'."

"To make Haymaker's Switchel, combine 1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup molasses, 1/4 cup vinegar, 1/4 teaspoon ginger and 2 quarts of water. Mix together, add ice and chill." I read briskly from the cook book.

The sour look on his face told me he didn't think much of the coffee substitute but I didn't let that dissuade me from reading further.

"It says here, in the haying season farmers used to take their 'nooning' (midday dinner) with them which included the switchel to wash the meal down. Although the switchel was usually straight, farmers have been known to spike it with hard cider, or even brandy, which Down-Easters used to say got the hay in the barn in half the time."

The wry look on The Farmer's face told me I had best not switch to switchel. We did have a chuckle or two as we thought of the colonial farmers making hay unmindful of whether the sun was shining or not depending upon the amount of brandy added to their switchel.

James Reston

can be a prosperous and viable independent nation.

This is not the sort of thing American business leaders are accustomed to consider. They go where the money is in thousands of corporate decisions, without any organization or responsibility for foreign policy consequences; but what they do or don't do in these next two years when Canada is debating its future will certainly be influential.

It should be emphasized here that Prime Minister Trudeau carefully avoided even the slightest suggestion that U.S. business leaders should withhold their investments from Quebec or the rest of Canada for political reasons.

His theme was clear: "Business as usual," no sanctions against Quebec, no withholding of investments or withdrawing of corporate offices from Montreal, no panic about secession of Quebec or the dismemberment of the Canadian union. He thought secession was "unthinkable" but still worth some calm reflective thought.

"Nothing is inevitable in politics," the prime minister said in a private interview. "It's the will and minds of the Canadian people that will decide the future destiny of our country. There's no historical inevitability. I'm confident that the will that has put Canada together against all geographical, historical and linguistic obstacles is going to continue to prevail. We will continue to be united by our values and our beliefs, much more than by our geography, our history and our languages."

There is reason for saying here that President Carter was impressed by Trudeau's private candor and public caution. To Jimmy Carter, after all these years since Appomattox, "secession" is a tragic word, and there is no reason to believe that he didn't get Trudeau's message to watch quietly from afar but not to intervene in any way.

Unfortunately, the rest of

Washington probably didn't get the urgency of the Canadian message because it had to be stated so gently.

This city is still preoccupied with its own new leaders in the White House and the Congress, and its relations with the Soviet Union and the Middle East; but on our borders to the north and south, and in the turmoil of the Caribbean, we have more serious problems than we imagine — not ruling out the



possibility of the dismemberment of Canada or even civil war.

These alarms are not immediate and they are not desperate, but the presence of six to eight million illegal Mexicans in the United States, and the possibility of secession by Quebec in Canada certainly deserve more attention than they have been getting, and these recent visits by the president of Mexico and the prime minister of Canada have at least begun to wake people up around here to the dangers on our borders.

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Where do we go from there?

C. L. Sulzberger

Yet, in Romania as in Russia and other East European Marxist states, dissidents stress that they are not just seeking shelter under the Helsinki declaration's guarantees but are insisting that pledges contained in their own constitutions be ignored — starting with Moscow's famous "Stalin Constitution" — be applied.

The Carter message is also reverberating in lands that have nothing to do with Marxist theory. International outrage has been stirred up by the not very mysterious violent deaths in Uganda of an archbishop and two Christian cabinet ministers who didn't like President Amin.

And in South Africa, before hearing anything about Carter's Sakharov statement, the Anglican archbishop declared in an attack against the government: "Imprisoning and interrogating people until they die, banning people and what they say, cannot produce a society which is worth living in. I believe the society we have created for ourselves is morally indefensible. This is very serious at a time when we are being asked to defend it."

There is no point compiling a list of

places where we object to the way people are treated by their rulers — whether Chile, Cuba, Rhodesia, Angola, Cambodia or China. The last time the United States vigorously exhorted populations abroad to break their chains of bondage was 1956.

Yet, when the Hungarian uprising broke out, the West — hopelessly split by the Suez war — did nothing save offer charitable aid and reprove the Russians while they squashed the affair with tanks and hanged its leaders. In 1968, when Moscow behaved similarly in Czechoslovakia, we forgot the matter as soon as conveniently possible.

How do we intend this time to stand by our "firm commitment to promote human rights?" Are we, for example, going to modify our immigration laws so the relatively few malcontents allowed to flee persecution can find safe haven in America?

Are we prepared to make an issue, diplomatically, of the continued jamming of broadcasts by Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe, now openly disengaged from CIA funding? Such jamming, incidentally, specifically violates the U.S.S.R.'s own constitution.

Finally, suppose the flame of liberty we now so proudly fan, flares into another East European crisis? Do not

think such a possibility is excluded. The Soviet Union is determined to retain within its military glacis all countries now in the Warsaw Pact.

It will permit no risk of change there, and according to its defense minister, Dmitri Ustinov, "It spends on military purposes as much as is necessary to insure its reliable defense." The Hungarian and Czechoslovakian expeditions came under the heading of "reliable defense."

I strongly advocate the cause of liberty, abroad as well as at home, and even accept Jefferson's caution that its "tree" must be refreshed occasionally by blood. But are we more prepared to face that possibility now, when we are relatively weaker, than when NATO and the United States had a collective and individual military edge?

My own feeling is that we must consider just where our announced paths are leading and then prepare ourselves to support our ideas against any and all opposition or consequences. For example, do we wish to impose a politically motivated technological boycott — or soup up the arms race? Either may be needed to avoid the alternatives of appalling chaos or groveling humiliation. Freedom is the best thing in the world. It can also be the most costly.

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Patchwork prairie country

Nevertheless, it seems somewhere along the line we have lost the principle for the sanctity of work the pioneer had when he chanced upon the raw, unbroken prairies. The woodlands, too, offered a venerable and enduring challenge.

When did we lose our patience, that one humanizing personal freedom . . . the patience to wait, to dream, to find harmony within and compassion toward others?

It seems we are more eager to punch the time clock at the end of the day than to ask ourselves if we gave a full measure of worth to that day. We tend to count the days to the long weekend and once it is reached, we are impatient to seek our pleasures . . . to get on the road, to travel to the lakeside cabin or ski on a faraway mountain.

The colonial farmer had his compensations and rich rewards. If not rich, they were just rewards perhaps stemming from the fact that he found himself in an era of history at the right time.

Because of the necessity to build a home life and seek a living from the soil, he was provided with the incentive. His work was truly grueling labor, yet at the same time his work was pleasure, for each day he saw a bit more land cleared, another row of logs added to his cabin or another furrow turned for the production of food for himself and family. His work was pleasure for his life was woven into the natural harmony of his day.

Today we see those who work in factories seeking pleasure separately. Their work is work for sustenance, not in the form of tangible objects that they create but another dollar for another few minutes of time. They purchase a house built by strangers, furnish it by factory-made goods, have it soddied by a work crew while they are away at the office and arrive back home at night

seeking leisure and pleasure. Their work is one of work for the sake of work.

Small wonder we find ourselves losing our patience. We not only must do what we like but like what we do.



Too often one takes the job that offers the highest wage. Watching the clock then becomes the dominate thought of the day. Work for the sake of work is anguish while a work-pleasure relationship is like a . . . well . . . like a Haymaker's Switchel.

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Reappraisals implemented

Tree-cutting meet set

Ashtland — A town hall meeting will be held at the Legion Hall here at 8 p.m. Friday for a discussion of the free-cutting program being carried out along state highways by the Nebraska Roads Department. State officials will be present to explain their action and to record reactions of citizens.

Reappraisals implemented

Grand Island (AP) — The Hall County Board Tuesday voted 4-3 to implement state-ordered property tax reappraisals for this year. The board followed the recommendation of Hall County Assessor Ray Hessel who said it would be too costly and too much work for his office to delay the reappraisal. Hessel said rural property valuations generally will change very little, but urban values may increase by double or more.

Innocent plea made

Center (AP) — Daniel Denny, 18, of Santee pleaded innocent in Knox County District Court Wednesday to a first degree murder charge in the February shooting death of 40-year-old Dale Tuttle. Trial has been scheduled for April 25. Denny is accused of shooting Tuttle in a home on the Santee Sioux Indian Reservation. Tuttle was found dead Feb. 1 from a bullet wound in his abdomen.

Brandeis adding store

Omaha (AP)—J L Brandeis & Sons has signed a lease for a major new store to be located in the Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, company president Alan Baer said Wednesday. About 200 persons will be employed in the store, the 15th in the Brandeis chain.

Protests go to Carter

Bennington (AP) — Bennington School districts have sent about 500 letters to President Carter asking him to order a halt to construction of proposed Papio Dam 3A, according to Bennington High School principal Will Rosenthal. The dam, to be built upstream from the school, is proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers and Bennington residents contend it threatens the safety of the students.

Airport study planned

Airport study planned
Omaha (AP) — The Omaha Airport Authority has voted 3-2 to contract for a study of the feasibility of developing a new suburban Omaha airport for private and business planes. The airport would be intended primarily to relieve Eppley Airfield of much aircraft traffic.

Omaha (AP) — Terrance Pesek denied Tuesday that he had any conflict of interest while serving as Omaha's public works director.

There very definitely was none, he said. "That was the one thing I really protested against."

Pesek, 35, met for the last time with his staff of engineers Tuesday and cleared out his desk. Mayor Robert Cunningham had asked for and received his resignation late Friday.

The mayor had said Pesek's involvement with a firm called Midlab Industries Inc. was involved in the decision.

Tuesday, Cunningham said, "Let me just say that information we received indicated a lack of good judgment on the part of Mr. Pesek. Like Caesar's wife, we (in government) must be above reproach."

Cunningham said he asked for the resignation because "I think basically it was a suspicion of a conflict of interest. The City Charter is pretty clear: an employee of the city can't do business with the city."

Pesek said he never did business with the city.

Pesek's brother, Don, operated a testing firm called Midwestern Laboratories Inc., which did some business with the city. Terrance Pesek said he was not involved with the firm.

Later, Don Pesek and two other men started Midlab Industries and Terrance lent some money to the firm.

The firm didn't do well. Terrance Pesek's attorney said and the other men left with the loan unpaid.

Terry bailed out his brother a little bit," said attorney Dan M. Murphy. The firm was defaulting.

The attorney said some stock in the firm went to Terrance Pesek because of the default on the loan, but he hasn't had any participation in the firm except to get it liquidated.

Cunningham said that as far as he knows, Midlab did not do any business with the city, although Midlab and Midwestern were in the same building.

There was a close operation between the two companies. That's where the problem lies, Cunningham said.

Lexington — Cattle scabies have made an appearance in Dawson County and as many as 30,000 cattle may be involved in the outbreak, officials estimated.

Dr. Norman Kruse, state veterinarian, said the problem is serious but "there is no reason to panic."

Several places for dipping the animals in chemicals have been set up in the county.

The animals are dipped in chemicals to remove the insect that causes the skin irritation, it was explained. Two dippings are necessary, officials said, once to remove the mites present, and the second time to clear the cattle of offspring left by mites killed in the first dipping.

Dr. Kruse emphasized, "Humans will not be infected in any way since the mite does not even like humans."

Dr Joel Fort a witness for a legislative bill that would reduce penalties for possession of small amounts of marijuana was a witness in the Patty Hearst bank robbery trial

The Star incorrectly reported Wednesday that he was a witness in the Patty Webb case

Thomas N Tidball of Lincoln has been named outstanding young engineer for 1977 by the Southeast Chapter of Professional Engineers. Tidball was project engineer on the Interstate Highway system for the Nebraska Roads Department before joining Constructors Inc in 1970.

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CITY-WIDE COUPON DAYS

Lincoln grant first of its kind

By Nancy Hicks
Star Staff Writer

Lincoln is the first community in the nation to take advantage of a 1970 congressional act that allows combined federal funding from several differing federal agencies, said Dr. Jeremy Coleman, staff director of the Mid-Continent Federal Regional Council.

The council coordinates federal grants and requirements for a four-state area which includes Nebraska.

Lincoln's \$80,000 for a consulting study on merging emergency communications was a single grant which actually came from six federal agencies, Coleman explained.

These agencies were the Health, Education and Welfare Department, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, Civil Defense, Transportation Department, Agriculture Department and Housing and Urban Development Department.

Under normal circumstances the city would have had to apply separately to each agency and probably would not have received money for the joint endeavor, said Coleman.

The joint communications project will serve the county sheriff, city police, county and city fire departments, and the private ambulance firms.

Under the joint application processed through the state and then the regional group, each federal agency paid a prorated share of the grant, Coleman explained.

The study itself gave specific details for working out the merger arrangement. They city will probably apply for joint funding to implement the project, expected to cost \$80,000, he said.

"This is the first and only one in the country," Coleman said of the joint funding grant. The amount is admittedly small, he said. "But you have to walk before you can run."

Rail crossing aid hard to get

Part of Lincoln's dream to relocate railroads and thus eliminate many railroad crossings is in jeopardy, said Ray Hogrefe, division administrator for the Federal Highway Administration.

Some local officials and Chamber of Commerce members had earlier voiced fear that federal money for two of the four city-county railroad relocation projects may not be available in the future.

Hogrefe confirmed those fears during a press conference Wednesday.

The future of what are known as Corridor C and D will probably depend on proposed congressional action giving more federal support to railroad relocation, Hogrefe said.

There is a good possibility that federal

money currently available will be used by other cities before Lincoln is ready to begin those two projects, he said.

Corridor C includes the moving of the Rock Island track along 27th St to the current Burlington Northern tracks which run up the western edge of the city.

Corridor D, not in local dispute but low on Lincoln's priority list, would move Missouri Pacific traffic from tracks that run through northern Lincoln.

The other two relocation projects have already been completed or should be done by next fall, said Hogrefe. In fact \$4 million in federal money is already earmarked for work that will remove coal trains that currently cross West O St.

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CITY-WIDE **COUPON DAYS**

Thayer Co. women follow old recipe to make soap for overseas relief

By Dean Terrill
Southeast Nebraska Bureau

Gilead — It's strictly an underground operation, though with a noble purpose. This gang is out to clean up the world.

Every February brings a day of great stirrings in the farmhouse basement of Mrs. Paul Krueger. Batch by homemade batch, bone-white lye soap comes forth for the world's needy in "Bangladesh or New Guinea or wherever."

Approximately a ton of the caked substance has been shipped since the Thayer County ladies held their first work session seven years ago. Lutheran World Relief is the distributor.

Perpetuated through the annual get-together is an age-old skill as well as an age-old family recipe. Mrs. Fred Bodtke, now of Hebron

and in her mid-80s, passed the recipe along for the St. Paul's Lutheran Church project.

"Several of us also make the soap at other times for our own use," said her daughter, Mrs. Herman Fangmeier. "You can't beat it for greasy overalls and the like — even white sidewall tires. Yet it's easier on the hands than these fancy new detergents."

A lard-tallow mix, 10 pounds of it per recipe, is the principal ingredient as the ladies stir away at large dishpans. The recipe also includes two quarts of water, two cans of lye, a half-cup of ammonia and six tablespoons Borax.

Even Mrs. Adolph Heller, the senior of the group at 75, manages a pair of pans with her two-stick technique. The timing isn't too critical, just so everyone is free for

"all-important four o'clock coffee."

Other 77 volunteers were Mrs. Herman Heller, Mrs. Norbert Heller, Mrs. Art Fangmeier, Mrs. Walt Schafer and Mrs. Armin Schroeder.

Poured into cloth-lined boxes, the soap sets several hours and is then cut into cakes. About two months' curing is required before packaging for shipment overseas.

The packaging, incidentally, is even more fun than the all-day soap-making itself. That spring session brings together the entire families of each woman.

"We're practically all relatives of some kind," explained Mrs. Krueger, "so it makes for a pretty lively affair."

And, it might be added, it's all good, clean fun.



Farmhouse basement alive with women stirring homemade lye soap.

Garments catch fire, kill woman

Omaha (AP) — An Omaha woman died Tuesday night of burns she suffered when her clothing caught fire at her home in the Jackson Towers earlier in the evening.

Police said Mrs. Dorothy C. Bendon, 62, was burned over 80% of her body after she dropped a cigaret lighter into her chair and her clothing ignited.

Police Sgt. James Kasun said Mrs. Bendon told him she had just filled the lighter with fluid and was trying to light a cigaret when the lighter caught fire.

Another resident found Mrs. Bendon on fire. Firemen said the blaze was confined to Mrs. Bendon's apartment.

Californian convicted for destroying bees

Broken Bow (AP) — A Bloomington, Calif., man has been fined \$500, given two year's probation and ordered to pay nearly \$2,000 in court costs on a misdemeanor destruction of property charge.

David Graves, 44, was charged originally with felony counts of destruction of property and burglary for the killing of bees in 61 hives and the dumping of nearly 1,500 gallons of honey belonging to Knoefler Honey Farms, owned by Harold Knoefler.

The burglary charge stemmed from an entry into a honey warehouse in Arnold where honey was dumped. All of the incidents took place in Custer County in October 1975 and it is alleged that Graves committed similar acts in Sherman County, where similar charges are pending.

Attorneys in Graves' District Court felony trial negotiated the misdemeanor charges.

County Atty. Steven Stumpf and his deputy, Gary Washburn, said they offered the lesser charge for a conviction because they doubted the jury would convict Graves. Washburn said vital portions of the case rested on testimony relating to incidents outside Custer County.

Presiding District Judge Earl Johnson ruled the incidents that took place out of the county had no bearing on the charges here.

The prosecution relied mainly on the testimony of Gerald Scaff, also of California, who accompanied Graves when they allegedly destroyed the bees and honey. Washburn said.

Scaff was granted immunity from prosecution on the same charges as Graves in exchange for his testimony.

Washburn said Graves was convicted on similar charges in California last summer and is appealing the decision. Graves was sentenced to 120 days in jail and ordered to pay \$20,000 restitution to Knoefler in California, Washburn said.

Knoefler said he has civil action pending against Graves in California for damages there and in Nebraska.

Meager snowfall effects will vary across state

Holdrege (AP) — Central Nebraska will not feel the effects of this winter's meager snowfalls until 1979, according to R. D. Dirmeyer, general manager of the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District.

Dirmeyer said there will be a normal supply of water in the district during the coming irrigation system, but cautioned that Central Nebraskans must conserve water until weather patterns change.

The meager snowfall in the mountains of the North Platte River drainage area will have a dramatic effect on the flow of water into Lake McConaughy, the district's main reservoir, in the future, he said.

He said that Lake McConaughy is expected to peak this year at some 60,000 acre feet of water less than the levels of the past few years. The current level of the reservoir is 1,429,300 feet, he said, with the peak estimated at 1,600,000 feet.

He said carry-over water storage in the Wyoming reservoirs above Lake McConaughy is above normal. Because of that, he said, it is expected that irrigation in eastern Wyoming and western Nebraska will be normal this season, ensuring a near-normal inflow into the reservoir.

However, Dirmeyer said, more than 70% of the annual inflow into the lake, which is Nebraska's largest reservoir, comes from irrigation return flow above it. The continuing drought in the high country of Colorado and Wyoming will result in poor inflow into the Wyoming reservoirs, he said.

Because of that, Wyoming and western Nebraska will have short irrigation supplies this year that will dramatically reduce the flow into McConaughy, Dirmeyer said.

"This situation occurred in the 1950s, when McConaughy was lowered to 356,000 acre feet, or approximately one year's supply."

Protein quality concern prompts look at methods

Consumers may eventually get a better deal in protein labeling as a result of a conference here between university, government and food industry scientists.

The Midlands Conference on New Concepts for the Rapid Determinations of Protein Quality, held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this week, made some major strides in re-evaluating how protein quality in foods should be determined.

UNL currently is recognized as a leader in this area, working under a two-year \$272,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

At the conference, food industry representatives, government regulatory agencies and university research groups have agreed to work together to develop new, more rapid and less expensive ways of determining the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of protein required by federal labeling laws.

Dr. Lowell Satterlee, professor of food science and technology at UNL and a conference coordinator, said a consensus was reached among the three groups that they need to "move away from" the current method for determining protein quality in foods.

This was a significant step, he said, because it was the first time that the three groups have discussed problems of the present method which is required for federal labeling compliance.

That method, arrived at through a protein efficiency ratio test done on growth rates of rats, was said to be costly, unreliable in many cases and time-consuming.

The added time and expense affects food prices, Satterlee said. A less costly and less time-consuming method for industry could well be reflected in a lower cost for some food items, he said.

Legend exists in graveyard

St. Elizabeth's N.A. (UPI) — Statisticians explain that in the 300-year-old burial ground of the Dutch Reformed Church on this tiny West Indian island there's a mango tree, and there's a legend.

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Prejudice cases may go to court

Associated Press

Unicameral members voted 37 to 0 Wednesday to pass legislation insuring that antidiscrimination lawsuits can be filed and heard quickly a bill one legislator saw as having wide-ranging implications.

The bill, LB86, was sponsored by Omaha Sen. Ernest Chambers, who also turned back an attempt to reduce the welfare payments in his bill on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (ADC), which is LB179.

Chambers' LB86 allows direct court suits in discrimination cases, sidestepping a lengthy wait to see whether administrative remedies could resolve the issues.

Chambers said case backlogs in local and state agencies dealing with discrimination matters, such as the Equal Opportunity Commission, created the need for such legislation.

He said his bill still allows administrative review, but ends the practice of judges to require that administrative review possibilities be exhausted before court action.

Neigh Sen. John DeCamp said the bill sailed through the Unicameral without controversy and might be one of the most significant passed this session. He said Speaker Roland Luedtke of Lincoln, a lawyer as is DeCamp, also saw the measure in terms of probable widespread impact.

On Chambers' ADC bill, Ralston Sen. Gerald Koch tried to reduce the payment amounts in the measure to \$230 a month for a mother and one child, and \$51 monthly for each additional child.

The amendment proposal failed 19 to 15. On amendments, 25 votes are required.

The bill calls for \$250 and \$60 to replace the current law's \$210 for a mother and child, and \$42 for each additional child.

After the Koch amendment failed, the bill was advanced by voice vote over its second floor hurdle.

Committee to meet with power industry

Associated Press

Members of the Unicameral's Public Works Committee decided informally Wednesday to have a briefing session with public power industry representatives on committee plans for another power study.

"I'm concerned about a very big fight that's going to happen," Big Springs Sen. Jack Mills said. "I think our study could blow up."

Grand Island Sen. Ralph Kelly said the second-phase power study called for in his legislative resolution could proceed without support of some power personnel, though it would be more difficult.

Aurora Sen. Maurice Kremer, committee chairman, said he would set up a session between the panel and industry representatives. However, skepticism continued.

"They (power companies) never have been able to sit down and talk it out," said Holbrook Sen. Richard Lewis.

Mills noted that industry support of the study, at least from some quarters, apparently hinges on postponing action on a couple of bills dealing with territorial disputes.

The committee learned that members of a subcommittee had met with Gov. J. J. Exon, who, they reported, agrees with the panel's power work so far and supports the study and required financing.

Schools oppose bill to end property levy

A bill which would eliminate a school district's power to levy a property tax to support land purchases and building programs will be opposed by the Lincoln Public Schools.

The Lincoln Board of Education has voted to send a representative to the hearing Monday on LB215 after hearing a report on the bill's ramifications from Joe Rowson, administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools.

Rowson told the board that the bill, introduced by Columbus Sen. Donald Dworak, would eliminate the school district's power to levy a four mill tax on property for use in building and land acquisition.

In a written report Rowson said, "Nebraska stands as a model for other states because we have an orderly method of building and remodeling school facilities. In many states a major political effort to pass a bond issue must be launched any time a significant physical improvement is to be made."

"Such efforts detract from the business of conducting and administering the educational program. Moreover, there has been no apparent significant abuse of this taxing authority."

Rowson told the board that a project like the addition to West Lincoln Elementary School, financed entirely from the building fund generated by the tax, wouldn't have been possible without a bond issue, if the bill was law today.

"The tax elimination wouldn't prevent real costs to taxpayers," Rowson added, because interest charges on bonds would have to be added to all building projects financed by the bond issues.

Superintendent John Prasch told the board that the four mill levy has made possible three new buildings, significant improvements in two high schools and numerous small building projects during the past 11 years.

This "pay-as-you-go" approach to financing projects has allowed the local district to keep its bond indebtedness low, Prasch said. "If we can keep the tax, we will have a debt-free district by 1982," he added.

Rowson said that citizen opposition to the bill is important, and urged the appointment of a board member to deliver the board's views to the hearing committee.

Coal slurry pipeline bill opposition dips — Cullan

Alliance (AP) — Vocal opposition to the coal slurry pipeline bill has amounted to nothing more than a murmur, according to State Sen. Sam Cullan of Hemmingford.

Cullan said he thinks Nebraska's state senators believe opponents have changed their minds and now approve of it.

He said he has urged Panhandle area residents to write to the chairman of the Legislature's Public Works Committee to express opposition to the measure, LB249, which is scheduled for a public hearing Thursday.

Cullan said he will make copies of letters sent to him regarding the measure to present to the committee.

"There hasn't been much input from the people," he said. "Some senators think the people have changed their minds on it."

The right of eminent domain idea has gained strength, he said, and there's a chance the bill could pass.

He said a federal office checking into the coal slurry pipeline has no Nebraska representation and no one acquainted with potential water problems on the board. However, Cullan said, there is a pipeline representative on the board.

He said he has written to Nebraska's congressional delegation and talked with Gov. J. James Exon about the problem.

The proposed pipeline would carry coal from Wyoming to Arkansas and has been vigorously opposed by railroad interests.

Americans find burgers handy

Santiago, Chile (UPI) — Americans who miss ham burgers during their travels can now get them in this Chilean capital.

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and 95 from select file
Committee Hearings
Public Affairs: Heard and held LB87
heard, amended and advanced LB420
amended and advanced LB540, 728 and
316, heard and killed LB403, killed
LB512 and 319.
Judicial: Heard and held LB5278, 418
a, d 451, amended and advanced LB5168
151 and 204.
Urban Affairs: Heard and held LB56
86, 58, 238 and 274.
Business and Labor: Heard and held
LB5293 and 321.
Adjourned until 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb.
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Bills Introduced

Associated Press

Bills introduced in the Nebraska Legislature Wednesday

LB504—Allows a 2% state sales tax on state business and labor committee.
LB505—Rejects claims against the state business and labor committee.

Bill to allow rebate for training workers aired

Associated Press

A bill that would allow a 2% state corporate income tax rebate to businesses that train and place unemployed persons in jobs was heard and held Wednesday by the legislature's Business and Labor Committee.

Sen. Ron Cope of Kearney introduced LB321, originally proposed by the state Republican Party.

Party Executive Director Lloyd Herbener spoke in favor of the bill.

He said the bill creates a process that could be more effective than public service employment.

The bill with amendments would establish a 16-member Committee of Nebraskans for Private Enterprise to

operate a clearinghouse for underemployed persons.

The committee would refer individuals to businesses that would be required to train and place those persons in jobs to qualify for the tax rebate.

The committee's membership would include twelve private citizens appointed by the Legislative Council's Executive Board, six from areas of high unemployment and six representatives of business, industry and the professions.

The remaining four members would be representatives of the three legislative Fiscal Analyst's office and the state Departments of Labor, Administrative Services and Education.

Herbener said the clearinghouse could place nearly 4,000 persons per year. The taxes generated by their employment would make it financially feasible to offer the tax rebates to businesses that participate, he said.

Jackson Graham of Omaha also supported the bill. He said many blacks do not trust government job programs.

Other members of the Omaha black community voiced similar support.

No one testified against the bill, but Omaha Sen. Bill Brennan noted that there is no guarantee that persons trained and placed in jobs would keep them once a company took advantage of the tax incentive.

He also said the bill is too open-ended; it did not specify rules and regulations the committee would use.

The committee also heard and held a bill that would establish an Uninsured Employers Fund to pay compensation to workers if a company does not carry workers' compensation insurance or if a self-insured company becomes insolvent.

Omaha Sen. Bill Brennan introduced the bill LB251, which would require insurance companies to pay 25% of the workers' compensation in insurance they write to the fund. Self-insuring employers would pay the same percentage on the prevailing premium rate for each risk.

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Bill would extend right to lie-detector test

By Lynn Zerschling
Star Staff Writer

Roscoe Oaks of Denton said her truck driving husband spent \$1,200 in legal fees trying to prove he was not speeding.

He spent that much money fighting a speeding ticket she said, because he was right and a Nebraska State Patrolman was wrong.

But the Saunders County Court did not buy Leonard Oaks' argument and fined him anyway.

The patrolman clocked Oaks driving 84 miles an hour using radar equipment. But, Mrs. Oaks said her husband had just checked his speedometer and he was driving 48 miles an hour.

It's easy to see how it got messed up," she said.

Her husband could have proved he was right if only the patrol had let him take a lie-detector test, she said.

"But they said they don't give those tests on traffic violations," she told the Judiciary Committee.

A bill proposed by Adams Sen. Bill Burrows would change all that. Probably one of the shortest laws ever introduced at five lines long, Burrows' LB278 would allow truckers like Oaks and others arrested for traffic violations to request a polygraph examination to be allowed as evidence in their trial.

It's ridiculous that people brought in for felonies can get out of a jam by taking a lie-detector test," Burrows

told the committee, but that motorists cannot.

Burrows said he didn't think the law would be used too frequently, unless motorists are positive they were not violating the law.

It would be up to the judge as to what weight, if any, to give to the results of such an examination, Burrows said.

The measure was opposed by Asst. City Atty. Bill Austin of Lincoln who said Lincoln officials fear the city's heavy case load in Municipal Court would get heavier if people started requesting polygraph tests and trials. Last year, his office handled 26,000 traffic tickets, Austin said.

Additionally, he questioned whether the results of a lie-detector test really would aid a judge in rendering a deci-

sion on a traffic case.

"The defendant may truly believe himself to be innocent," Austin explained, adding, "A polygraph doesn't tell you what the truth actually is, but what the defendant believes it is."

Austin also said LB278 only would benefit people who could afford to pay the \$150 to \$200 fee to have a lie-detector test conducted by a licensed operator. Burrows' bill does not specify who would pay for the tests.

Burrows criticized the city's opposition and argued that such examinations would give police chiefs a better idea of how his officers were operating in the community.

The Judiciary Committee did not take any action on LB278.

Judge: Don't up claims' size

An Omaha municipal court judge told a legislative committee Wednesday it would be foolhardy to hike the ceiling for small claims court cases from \$500 to \$1,000.

Judge William Ryan said, "A lot of people who come into (small claims) court have a misguided idea of what the law is."

He urged the Judiciary Committee to reject LB451 which would allow people to file a claim for money owed or damages up to \$1,000.

The small claims court procedure was designed to be simple and cheap. Plaintiffs simply fill out a form in either county or city court, pay a \$2 filing fee and show up in court to present their case. No attorneys are allowed in small claims court proceedings.

Because attorneys often aren't involved, Ryan said he would hate to see citizens lose up to \$1,000 in cases where an attorney could have advised them better.

However, Sen. William Nichol of Scottsbluff, the bill's sponsor, said a \$1,000

limit is not unreasonable because of inflation.

If the ceiling were changed, State Court Administrator James Dunlevy predicted that the state's small claims courts would conduct more business.

In 1976, Dunlevy reported 8,182 cases were filed in county small claims courts and another 2,500 to 3,000 cases were filed in Omaha and Lincoln municipal small claims courts.

Last year, there were 5,500 civil cases which involved amounts of money totaling \$11,000 or less, Dunlevy estimated that in about half those cases, people might have gone to the small claims court instead of through the regular court procedure if the law had been changed.

He also told the Judiciary Committee the state might lose a little money if LB451 were passed since the filing fee for small claims is \$2. The filing fee for regular civil court proceedings is \$10.

The committee delayed action on LB451.

Marijuana question has solons arguing

Lincoln Sen. Wally Barnett said Wednesday he thinks people are going to keep smoking marijuana whether the Legislature changes the penalties or not.

Barnett told his colleagues on the Judiciary Committee he isn't convinced tougher penalties for marijuana possession will deter its use and rejected Omaha Sen. Pat Venditte's suggestion that more testimony on the dangers of marijuana would change his mind.

Venditte told the committee it still hasn't heard "the other side of the story" about marijuana's dangers even though the panel held a three-hour hearing on two conflicting marijuana bills Tuesday.

Because of the apparently sharp division among Judiciary Committee members on the subject, no action was taken Wednesday to kill, amend or send either bill to the full Legislature for hearing.

Venditte's bill, LB269 would hike the maximum fine to \$1,000 with a 30-day jail sentence for people found guilty of possessing one pound or less of marijuana. Current law sets a \$500 maximum and a seven-day jail sentence.

I would like to see us set an example here in the state of Nebraska," committee member Venditte said.

He argued that tougher enforcement of the laws also is needed because, he asserted, "the laws right now aren't worth a damn."

In addition to to Venditte's bill, the committee is considering Neligh Sen. John DeCamp's LB187, which would lower the maximum \$500 fine to \$100 and eliminate a jail sentence for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana. DeCamp's bill also would allow police officers to issue citations, similar to traffic tickets, for such offenses.

Venditte argued that the harsher penalties would deter young people from smoking pot, an argument disputed by Barnett.

Instead, Barnett proposed the Legislature could cut crime "if you legalized it, controlled it and taxed it" much like the state controls the sale and consumption of alcohol.

Venditte didn't think too much of how alcohol abuse turned out either.

But, interjected fellow Omaha Sen. Larry Stoney, "Prohibition didn't work either."

Sen. William Nichol of Scottsbluff said the public's attitude toward marijuana has changed drastically over the past five years.

"People believe we've got to draw the line between marijuana and hard drugs," Nichol said.



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High court defines rules on evidence of honesty

Associated Press
The Nebraska Supreme Court broke new legal ground Wednesday in ruling that trial courts should have discretion over when to allow evidence involving a witness' reputation for honesty.

The case involved Daniel W. King, who was convicted in Dawes County District Court of felonious destruction of personal property. The charge stemmed from the theft of a fire truck from the Hemingford Rural Fire District. The vehicle eventually was driven over the bank of a dam.

During the trial, King admitted under cross examination that his testimony included several inconsistent statements and admitted some of his previous testimony was false.

After that, King's attorney wanted to call a witness to testify about King's reputation for truthfulness and veracity. The district court would not allow the testimony.

On appeal, King argued that his credibility was attacked through the questioning that revealed his inconsistent statements. That entitled him to call a character witness and the court's refusal of that request is grounds for reversal, King argued.

The unanimous Supreme Court disagreed. Writing for the court, Chief Justice Paul White said various jurisdictions have taken different positions on the issue. The Nebraska court chose to align itself with a decision of the Kansas Supreme Court.

"Rather than adopting a hard and fast rule

concerning the admissibility of evidence of a witness' reputation under these circumstances, we find that the general approach taken by the Kansas Supreme Court, which emphasizes the discretion of the trial court is preferable," White said.

"We hold that whether a showing of inconsistent statements by the witness is an attack on the credibility of the witness, and whether or not, after such a showing, evidence of the witness' reputation for truth and veracity should be admitted, are matters for the sound discretion of the trial court," White said.

In another case the court held that a contractor is entitled to recover damages resulting from delay caused by a breach of contract by the other party.

The case involved W. Wright, Inc., and Korshoj Corp., in a dispute over the rights of contractors and subcontractors. The court partially upheld and partially reversed and remanded the case to the Douglas County District Court.

In other action the Supreme Court

—affirmed the Lincoln County District Court decision in a wrongful death action brought by Della McCready against Al Eighmy Dodge.

—affirmed the Cherry County District Court in a land sale dispute involving George Janssen and Michael Hamblet.

—affirmed the Seward County District Court in an estate case involving Dean Gade and the estate of Phil P. Unitt.

—affirmed the Douglas County District Court in an insurance case involving Howard Neal and St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co.

—affirmed the Douglas County District Court in a real estate case involving Larry Bando and Esther Cole.

—affirmed the Madison County District Court in a burglary case involving George Eynon.

—affirmed the Cherry County District Court in a probation case involving Nile Osterman.

High court asked to re-hear three death penalty cases

Associated Press
The Nebraska Supreme Court has been asked to re-hear the cases of three men whose death sentences were upheld by the high court earlier this month.

The motions for re-hearing were filed Tuesday on behalf of Erwin Charles Simants, Richard Dean Holtan and John Edward Rust.

On Feb. 2, the unanimous court upheld the constitutionality of Nebraska's death penalty statute which had been enacted by the Unicameral in 1973. It upheld the death sentences given the three men while reducing to life imprisonment the death sentence meted out Rodney Lamar Stewart of Omaha.

The three separate motions asked the court to reconsider its decision in each of the three cases. The requests have several general arguments in common.

Motions filed on behalf of each man contend the high court erred in holding the Nebraska law constitutional.

Each argued that, notwithstanding, the high court's previous ruling on the law, it allows the death penalty to be imposed arbitrarily and capriciously, that the court was

wrong in deciding that a jury does not have to be involved in a death sentence and that the law violates various constitutional provisions.

If the rehearings are denied, the condemned men can appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Simants was convicted of killing six members of the Henry Kellie family in Sutherland in October of 1975.

Rust is a former South Dakotan and convicted of murdering Michael Kellogg, a civilian who came to the aid of police in a shootout following an Omaha robbery.

Holtan shot and killed an Omaha bartender in a 1974 robbery.

The motions for Rust and Holtan were filed by Douglas County Public Defender Thomas M. Kenney.

The motion for Simants was filed by the Lincoln County Public Defenders office and attorney Leonard Vynalek.

All three requests for re-hearing challenge the two part death penalty law which requires the sentencing judge or judges to consider specific lists of mitigating and aggravating circumstances.

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Normal Blvd. zoning approved

By Gordon Winters
Star Staff Writer

One proposal for business zoning along Normal Blvd. was approved Wednesday over the objections of the Eden Park Neighborhood Association, but another proposal was denied.

Approved was Dean R. Hoy's proposal for a zone change from A-2 single family to G-1 local business at 39th and Normal Blvd.

Hoy told the commission that he plans to tear down three houses on the property and construct an office building.

Denied was William Krein's request for a change from A-2 single family to G-1 local business at 47th and Normal. Krein also said he planned to construct an office building on the property.

Both proposals garnered criticism from the Eden Park Neighborhood Association, which said the zone changes would lead to more traffic congestion on Normal Blvd. and would tend to reduce nearby residential property values.

On another matter the commission approved the spending of \$50,000 to help build a four-mile bike path from Holmes Park to about 24th and N. About \$200,000 in federal funding already has been granted for the project.

The bike path proposal drew no criticism at a public hearing, but several commission members wondered aloud if the project had enough priority to warrant the spending.

In other action Wednesday the commission

Zone Changes

—denied request by Donley F. Gerbig from A-2 single family to A-1 single family at west end of S. 14th, south of the extension of Pine Lake Road to the west.

—denied request by Joseph Buch from G-1 planned commercial to G-1 local business at northwest corner of 66th and O Sts.

Miscellaneous

—approved special permit by James F. Assen for Knights of Columbus to amend plan of special permit 1751 on South St. near 53th.

—approved vacation of east-west alley of Block 86 University Place between Huntington and Baldwin from 48th to 49th.

—approved preliminary plat of Piazza Addition of 56th and Linden.

—approved preliminary and final plat of Seaford, Inc. at Calvert and 10th.

—approved vacation of Calvert St. from east line of 13th to 40 feet west of centerline of 14th St.

Basic skills head school priorities list

The Lincoln Public Schools has set its sights on areas of curriculum emphasis for the 1977-78 school year.

Associate Supt. for Instruction Ron Brandt told the Lincoln Board of Education Tuesday that the areas were determined from a list of needs submitted by school principals to the central office last fall. The list was narrowed to three major areas — basic skills, personal and social development, and programming for exceptional students.

These areas will be announced to the staffs at all system schools, who will be expected to include several of them in

next years plans, Brandt said. Principals will establish goals for their schools and prepare written plans to be approved by July 1.

Brandt said there is general agreement that the schools' major responsibility is to help students become as skillful as possible in the fundamental processes of communication and computation.

So the basic skills area was divided into areas of reading, written composition and mathematics. Brandt said 19 schools reported a need for reading

development. 19 schools listed writing and 21 schools listed mathematics.

Seventeen schools asked for personal and social development curriculum, Brandt said. This includes self-discipline and relations with other students. Multicultural education listed as a need by 12 schools, is included in this area.

Programming for exceptional students, the third major area of emphasis, is divided into two categories: gifted and talented, listed by 22 schools, and learning disabilities, mentioned by the staffs of seven schools.

Oakland steakhouse-lounge destroyed in morning fire

Oakland (AP) — Fire destroyed the Rambling Rose Steakhouse and Lounge Wednesday morning, and smoke and water from firefighters' hoses damaged about \$50,000 worth of furniture in a warehouse next door, fire officials said.

Officials said the fire was discovered about 7:30 a.m. by Boyd Dose, owner of the steakhouse, when he unlocked the door and saw flames and smoke.

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Candidates voice neighborhood stand

**By Bob Reeves
Star Staff Writer**

Two City Council candidates came out in favor of neighborhood organizations and neighborhood redevelopment Wednesday night at a meeting of the Clinton Neighborhood Association.

Candidate Leo Scherer, Havelock businessman and former Lincoln Community Development administrator, said the Clinton association has helped to strengthen that neighborhood, which is a target area for federal community development funds.

As councilman, he said he would make the government "more open and responsive" to citizen input.

The city has shown a lack of fiscal responsibility, he said, in hiring numerous outside consultants rather than local firms. He specifically criticized the recent decision to hire a Minnesota firm to design the downtown Centrum, at a cost of \$200,000.

Candidate Dorothy Walker, a social worker, said she has "a vested interest in people," and would like to see that interest represented on the council.

She called herself "a strong supporter of neighborhood organizations," and proposed that a neighborhood council serve as a new advisory board to the City Council.

Another speaker at the meeting, Tom Ekvall of the city's Urban Development Dept., said that because Clinton is a target neighborhood for federal funds, many residents there are eligible for grants valued to \$5,000 or low-interest loans valued to \$10,000 for home improvement.

Families with incomes below \$12,900 per year may qualify for the aid. For more information, he suggested residents call 473-6284 and ask about the "housing rehab" program.

The Clinton area is defined by the Urban Development Department as the area between 18th and 33rd Sts. and the Missouri Pacific and Burlington Northern Railroad tracks.

In other action, the association elected officers who have been serving temporarily since last fall: Willard Woodside, president; Bea Richmond, vice president; Anita Estes, secretary; and Clara Simpson, treasurer.

Woodside said he favors proposed industrial development in the north part of the Clinton area, on former Northeast Radial right-of-way. He and several other members said that such development should be linked to both 33rd and 27th Sts. so that through traffic can move through the area, thereby avoiding residential streets.

Revival of government merger bill debated

Local officials were wondering what to do Tuesday morning about the scuttling of a bill that would have allowed citizens to vote on the merger of city and county governments.

The bill was killed last Friday by the Legislature's Urban Affairs Committee.

Lincoln Sen. Wally Barnett told officials he would, if requested, seek 30 votes necessary to resurrect the bill and send it to the floor of the Legislature.

Barnett admitted, however, that he believes chances that the bill will be revived are slim or almost impossible.

City Councilman Bob Jeambey counseled against the attempt, saying he thought it would merely lead to polarization against the bill among outstate senators.

County Commissioner Jan Gauger, however, said she thought the attempt would have educational value when subsequent attempts are made to get the bill through the Legislature.

Another meeting is slated for Friday between local senators and officials. Sen. Jerome Warner, whom Barnett cited as architect of the bill's demise, will be invited to the breakfast session.

Floodplain ordinance adoption urged

North Platte (AP) — Floodplain regulations that a city engineer said would "effectively prohibit all future basements in North Platte" must go into effect by spring, city council members have been told.

"If we don't adopt this ordinance, every building permit in the city will have to go through Lincoln. You just pass it or else," Mayor Carl Bieber told the council Tuesday, after a council committee recommended adoption of the regulations.

The regulations, which would restrict construction throughout most of the city, outline "floodway areas" along both the North and South Platte rivers, which virtually encircle the city.

Inside the floodway areas, future construction would be vitually prohibited. Most of the remainder of the city is located in the "floodway fringe" — land below the 100-year flood elevation.

Under the proposed ordinance, all new construction or major remodeling within the floodway fringe must be above the 100-year flood elevation.

Located inside the floodway areas on the proposed map are the Holiday Inn, tourist attraction Fort Cody, and the vo-tech campus of Midplains Community College.

Court to get liquor license plea

Lincoln businessman Dan Leahy has taken his fight for a liquor license to District Court after he was refused a permit by the State Liquor Control Commission based on an unfavorable recommendation by the City Council.

Leahy has requested the license for a First National Bar and Trust Co., in an old bank building at 2650 N. 48th. When Leahy applied for a license the city's quota was full, but the commission had overridden the quota three times.

A December hearing on the bar brought crowds of supporters and opponents. After the hearing, the council recommended the commission deny the license.

Bank makes offer

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Zoo misses wild ducks

Seven wild ducks valued at about \$325 were reported missing Wednesday from the walk-in bird cage at the Children's Zoo, 2800 A St.

Alan Bietz, zoo director, said six wood ducks and a rose-billed porchard (a small duck) were either stolen from the cage or released by someone playing a prank.

One of the ducks later was found dead on a zoo bicycle path.

"A prank wouldn't disappoint us as much as if someone took them and doesn't know how to take care of them," Bietz said. The birds do not have clipped wings, and probably would have been able to fly away if they were loose, he said.

Bietz noted that it is against state law to keep the ducks without a special permit. It is unlikely an untrained person would know how to take care of them, he added.

"If whoever took them has had second thoughts and wants to put them back over our wall, we'd appreciate having them," Bietz said. The zoo had hoped the ducks would nest and lay eggs in the spring, he said.

Opium pipe ordinance challenged

Norfolk (UPI) — A Norfolk firm has filed a Madison County District Court suit challenging a city ordinance dealing with possession of opium pipes or other devices used for smoking controlled substances.

Alan and Connie Strong, who operate the Just a Hobbit House, contend the vagueness of the ordinance allows for discriminate and selective enforcement against the business they have operated for about a year.

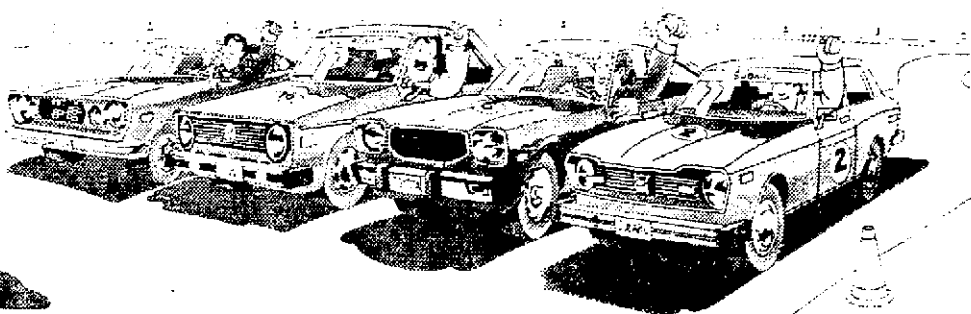
The Strongs said Norfolk police have threatened to close their store, a move they contend would be discriminatory since apparently no similar measures have been taken against other retail stores selling smoking items.

The Strongs alleged the ordinance which declares it "unlawful" to possess an opium pipe or any other device for use or used for smoking a controlled substance violates provisions of the 5th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution.

The defendants in the suit are the City of Norfolk, City Attorney Robert Otte, Mayor James Miller, Police Chief James Brennenman and State Attorney General Paul Douglas.

The Strongs seek a restraining order and temporary and permanent injunctions preventing the city from enforcing the ordinance.

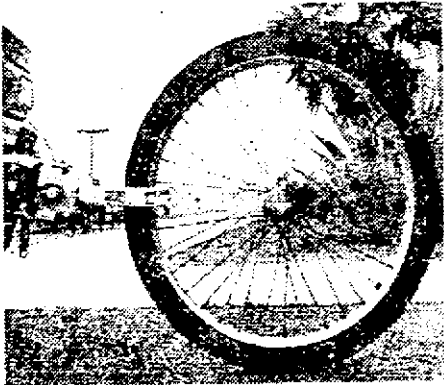
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Rogers' momentum building

Associated Press

The director of Vance Rogers' campaign to win the Republican nomination for governor in 1978 says that Rogers already has so much momentum that no one in the GOP can catch him.

Jack Schuetz of Lincoln said that assessment includes four-term Rep. Charles Thone of Lincoln.

Schuetz said Thone, who has not announced his 1978 political plans, should seek re-election from the 1st District.

Schuetz said he believes many Thone supporters feel the same way.

Schuetz said he has been overwhelmed by the support Rogers has won since recently announcing his decision to seek the GOP nod after retiring as president of Nebraska Wesleyan University.

"It's always been easy to recruit people

for general elections, but I've never seen such an outpouring from every corner of the state as Vance is getting.

"Frankly, it's coming faster than I can handle it," Schuetz said. "It's unusual for me to get behind on these things but requests for Vance to appear are coming from all over and people are offering assistance.

"My problem is trying to be sure we don't peak too soon," Schuetz said. "Vance is thoroughly pleased. He thinks all this enthusiasm in this early is normal. Well, it isn't."

On another matter, Schuetz said that while he doesn't like to acknowledge it he doesn't know of any Republican right now who could beat Democratic Gov. J. James Exon in a run for the U.S. Senate.

Exon has not announced whether he will seek the Senate spot being vacated by retiring Sen. Carl Curtis.

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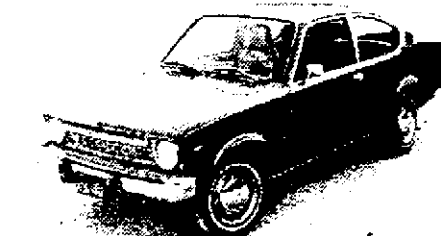
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No, no, a thousand times, no. We enlisted the aid of an independent authority, who acquired the cars and supervised the tests. And looking over his shoulder was a member of the editorial staff of *Car and Driver* magazine. The tests were conducted at the General Motors Desert Proving Grounds in Mesa, Arizona. That way, we could be sure of the sophistication and accuracy of both the instrumentation and the procedures.

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Yes, jogging can have debilitating side effects

By Mike Royko

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Chicago — Joggers might be interested in a new hazard that has been discovered by a physician.

It's not as common as the heart attacks, torn ligaments, broken ankles, dog bites, muggings and other jogging risks we hear about.

But it is something that joggers might give some thought to avoiding, since it can be painful and debilitating.

The physician, Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz of Jersey City, N.J., writes about the hazard in the New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. Hershkowitz, a jogger, was himself the victim.

He said it occurred last Dec. 3, when he went for his usual 7 p.m. jog in a park near his home.

His clothing — and it is relevant in describing this case — consisted of flared-bottom double-knit polyester trousers, Dacron-cotton boxer-style undershorts, a cotton T-shirt, cotton dress shirt, a light wool sweater, an outer nylon shell jacket over the sweater, gloves and sneakers.

It was an extremely cold evening — 8 below zero, which contributed to an even more severe wind-chill factor.

The first 25 minutes of jogging was uneventful, Dr. Hershkowitz reports. He normally jogs at least 30 minutes and has been doing so for many years. He is 54.

However, after 25 minutes, he began experiencing an "unpleasant, painful burning sensation."

The pain occurred in a part of his body that might be described as an appendage common to males.

He wrote: "From 7:25 to 7:30 p.m. this discomfort became more intense. The pain increased with each stride as the exercise neared its end. At 7:30 p.m., the jog ended."

Dr. Hershkowitz said he went home and examined the afflicted area.

He said his diagnosis was that he had suffered a case of "early frostbite."

As a physician, Dr. Hershkowitz knew that the way to treat frostbite has to bring the temperature of the frostbitten area back to normal body temperature.

So, he wrote, he took the following steps: "Immediate therapy was begun. The polyester double-knit trousers were removed. In a straddled standing position, the patient created a cradle for rapid rewarming by covering the 'afflicted area' with one cupped palm."

"Response was rapid and complete. Symptoms subsided 15 minutes after onset of treatment."

ment, and physical findings returned to normal."

However, Dr. Hershkowitz wrote, there were side effects.

He said they occurred when his wife happened to come home from a shopping trip and walked in while he was treating his frostbite.

As he described it, she saw him "standing, legs apart, in the bedroom nude below the waist, holding the 'afflicted area' in his right hand" while, at the same time, flipping the pages of a medical book with his left hand.

He described his wife's reaction this way: "Spouse's observation of therapy produced rapid onset of numerous, varied and severe side effects (personal communications)."

Dr. Hershkowitz analyzed the frostbite this way: "The syndrome was assessed as tissue response to high air velocity penetrating the interstices of polyester double-knit trouser fabric and continuing through anterior opening of Dacron-cotton undershorts, impacting upon receptor site of target organ to produce the changes described."

He said he continued to jog, however, but "wearing an athletic supporter and old tight cotton warm-up pants used in college cross-country races in 1939. No recurrences are expected."

After I read about his experience, I phoned Dr. Hershkowitz in New Jersey to ask if he had any other advice to offer joggers.

"Nothing more than that they should dress warmly when it is cold," he said.

Dr. Hershkowitz said that after his article appeared he heard from a few other people who had had similar experiences with frostbite.

"Not from joggers. But I heard from a man who rides his bicycle even in extremely cold weather. He agreed that it was a painful experience."

"And a man in Vermont, who takes long walks in the winter, wrote that this once happened to him. He said he avoids it by walking with his hands over, uh, that area. I would think this might make people wonder about him."

"But the nicest letter I received was from an 81-year-old lady in a nursing home. She said that she and the other elderly ladies read my article and that they were all cackling over it. She thanked me for giving them all a good laugh."

He said his wife has recovered from the shock brought on by his frostbite treatment.

"At first, she did not know what was going on. But after I explained the situation to her, she understood. I think."

Links between two slayings sought

Kansas City (AP) — Police say they are seeking possible links between two gangland-style slayings here within three days.

Harold D. Bowen, 25, who had a record of numerous arrests, was shot in the eye and the neck early Tuesday by four or five masked men as he sat in a bar in the city's midtown area.

His death followed that of John F. Amaro, 53, who was gunned down in his car in the garage of his home on the city's north side.

Amaro had been known to associate with members of organized crime in Kansas City. "We're working the homicides together,"

Ken Riddell, a Metro Squad spokesman said. "We hope to come up with something."

He added: "All the leads we're getting we're going out and finding ourselves. The people we're dealing with are a little bit reluctant in talking to us."

Riddell said the gunmen who shot Bowen told occupants of the bar to lay on the floor. Those were the only words spoken as the men walked up to a booth where Bowen was sitting and blasted away.

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NASA buys their tanks

By Harry Jackson
Star Staff Writer

When the space shuttle takes its long-awaited manned flight, a little bit of Lincoln will be aboard.

The extra-light fuel and air tanks carried on the shuttle were developed by two local engineers, Russell Hawkins and Wayne Schmidt of the Brunswick Corporation's Lincoln plant.

The tanks save the entire spacecraft about 600 pounds by eliminating most of the metal and replacing it with a lightweight super-strong fiber.

"NASA is paying about \$20,000 to \$40,000 per pound for weight savings these days," Hawkins said. "But we're not charging them that much. Ours are comparable to the cost of other tanks."

Hawkins and Schmidt, seeking bids on a fuel tank bid, tried wrapping a fiber called Kevlar 49 around a thin metal tank. Kevlar is so strong, one company is making bullet-proof suits for police officers out of it.

The method reduced the weight of the tank while increasing its strength.

The spherical tanks cost the space program about \$1,000 per diameter inch. The local Brunswick plant will

produce tanks of 41, 26 and 18 inches to hold high-pressure liquid fuels used to push the spaceship through space and back to earth or hold oxygen and nitrogen for the astronauts to breathe.

Formerly, the space shuttle would have used heavier all-metal tanks which didn't have the safety or weight advantages of the new ones.

The fiber-wound tanks may develop a leak, but they'll never burst, Hawkins said, noting that all-metal tanks exploded aboard the Apollo 13 spacecraft several years ago, killing three astronauts.

Fiber-wound tank technology isn't new, Hawkins explained. Before, tanks were wrapped with fiberglass and couldn't be trusted to handle the pressures of spaceship tanks. Then the DuPont Company invented Kevlar, which Hawkins calls a "killing cousin to nylon."

That led to other advantages, Hawkins said.

"Previously, the tanks had to be spherical. But with the new technology, they can be any shape that can be wrapped with a continuous strand of Kevlar," he said.

And they don't corrode. "If we run into a corrosive material, we have 200 different types of resins we can use," he said.

Also, "it takes less than one fourth of the energy to make one of these tanks than it does to make an all-metal tank," Hawkins said.

With the space program using the tanks, the engineers are looking for everyday applications for their discovery.

Some potential uses include air packs for firemen "who get tired lugging those heavy, all-metal gas packs on their backs," car parts, natural or propane gas storage tanks — anywhere tanks are used and weight is a priority.

If use of the fiber-wound tanks becomes widespread, Hawkins said, Brunswick may begin mass producing them. Right now they're made one at a time, at a high price.

Adding to the expense now are the metal alloys — titanium and nickel — and time required for space program specifications.

The Lincoln men's discovery "will be competitive with metal tanks in three to five years," Hawkins predicted.



Engineers Schmidt (left) and Hawkins with one of their fiber-wound tanks.

'Storm Warning' more than another war novel

By Gordon Winters
Star Staff Writer

After more than 30 years it must be time to apply the term "historical novel" to books about World War II.

"Storm Warning," by Jack Higgins, which uses World War II as a backdrop, gives the impression it is a long reach back to the characters and setting of that era.

This effect is heightened when much of the action takes place on a 19th Century sailing vessel, the Deutschland.

It is on this ship, a three-masted barkentine, that 22 German men and five German nuns undertake a perilous journey over 5,000 miles of ocean infested with American and British forces.

Their destination is the homeland. They chose to make the journey even though Allied forces are threatening the soil of the Fatherland.

For more than a month they endure

Book Review

cramped quarters, storms that almost sink the old vessel and a visit from suspicious British sailors who doubt the Deutschland's cover as a neutral Swedish vessel.

Higgins jumps back and forth from the tale of the Deutschland to the lives of other people who will be caught up in her fate.

He does so with fine craftsmanship. Consider his efficiency and impact in evoking this scene early in the book:

"Rain came suddenly, warm and heavy, redolent with rotting vegetation from the jungle across the river. Prager turned up the collar of his jacket and, holding his old leather briefcase under one arm, hurried along the waterfront toward the Lights of Lisbon, a bar at the end of the fish pier."

Although the time is World War II, "Storm Warning" is something other than a book about guns, tanks and similar paraphernalia. More than anything the novel blurs the era's distinction between friend and enemy.

Most of the action in the book is not the battle of man against man, but the battle of man against the elements.

While it would ruin the reading to relate the ending, Higgins ("The Eagle Has Landed") does a masterful job of building suspense. The pace quickens irresistibly; the last 60 pages fly.

One puts down the book with the message that, despite wars and other human atrocities, good exists in man's spirit.

On the New York Times bestseller list this week are the following:

- Fiction
1. Trinity. Uris
 2. Raise The Titanic. Cussler

3. The Crash of '79. Erdman
4. Sleeping Murder. Christie
5. Storm Warning. Higgins
6. The Users. Haber
7. Ceremony of the Innocent. Caldwell
8. Slapstick. Vonnegut
9. October Light. Gardner
10. Voyage. Hayden

Nonfiction

1. Roots. Haley
2. Passages. Sheehy
3. Your Erroneous Zones. Dyer
4. The Grass Is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank. Bombeck
5. Blind Ambition. Dean
6. The Hite Report. Hite
7. The Right and the Power. Jaworski
8. Adolf Hitler. Toland
9. Bubbles: A Self-Portrait. Sills
10. A Civil Tongue. Newman



Dowsing for treasure

Earl Gray, a farmer in Easton, Kan., might be what some people are looking for during this time of energy crisis and drought. Gray is a dowser or diviner who claims he can find oil or water when his forked stick points to the ground.

Film students call for 'action' and police act

Oskaloosa, Iowa (AP) — Six students making a film for a high school project got more drama than they planned on.

One scene in their film called for an armed robber to dash from a bank, throw a bag of money into a car, fire a few shots and then drive away.

So the Oskaloosa High School students, without the knowledge of their instructor and armed with a starter's gun that fires blanks, headed for a downtown bank, closed for Washington's Birthday.

While they were acting out the scene, a startled passer-by called police.

Sgt. Henry Heaton and officer James Willoughby rushed to the Iowa Trust and Savings Bank from the police station next door.

After explaining their project to the two policemen, the students were allowed to finish their work.

Bill Bock, the class instructor, said students told him one officer drew a gun as he hurried to the scene, apparently believing a holdup was in progress.

"It all turned out well," Bock said, "although it could have been very easy for one of the boys to get hurt. People should have been able to tell these were kids making a movie."

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Big snow states brace for melt

New York — Those states knocked over by the Big Snow this winter have yet another hazard ahead the Big Melt. With luck, all that water will slip away silently into the ground. But in case it doesn't, large numbers of people are hustling to buy flood insurance (sold by private companies but heavily subsidized by the federal government).

The largest number of new applications is from Pennsylvania, where the governor and the insurance commissioner have widely publicized the danger of spring floods. But the volume also is heavy from New York, Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana, according to George Bennett of the National Flood Insurers Assn., and is just starting to pick up from Kentucky and other states.

Some of the NFIA's service companies are clogged with paperwork — in fact emergency assistance teams have been dispatched to Philadelphia and Charleston. But any delays in processing won't affect the date the insurance becomes effective. Claims will be paid for flood damage occurring 15 days or more after the date you filled in the policy application and gave the agent a check.

You can't buy flood coverage on your home or business unless your community has applied to the Federal Insurance Administration for inclusion in the program. To be accepted, a town has to be willing to adopt a system of building ordinances that will elevate new buildings above the highest flood line of the past 100 years. In addition, it must restrict the amount of building done in the "floodway," or area where the floodwaters rush with considerable force.

Some 15,000 communities are in the program, covering around 95% of the people living in flood-prone areas. To find out if you can buy flood insurance, call an insurance agent. If your town isn't included, it's probably because the local government objected to the federal building codes.

"But nothing sells flood insurance like a flood, or the threat of one," says acting federal insurance administrator Robert Hunter. Straggler communities are rushing to Washington, applications in hand. Hunter has promised that they'll all be acted on within three days, and says he must have signed 20 to 40 applications in the past few days alone. The moment a community is accepted, residents can apply for insurance.

It's Your Money



By Jane Bryant Quinn

To further assist homeowners, the government has decided not to suspend any communities from the program that haven't yet passed the required building ordinances, if they're located in states with a high risk of spring floods.

So far, the flood insurance program is generating more money than originally anticipated. Income from insurance premiums, when added to the percentage of costs that the federal government has to contribute every year, has exceeded expenses. Revenues have been high enough for the 132 participating private insurance companies to take their maximum allowable profit every year. The remaining money is paid into a trust fund for future claims.

In case of a major disaster, the amount of money the insurance companies might have to pay out of their own reserves is strictly limited. If the trust fund is large enough, they can pay their obligations from the fund, rather than out of their own coffers. Any further expenses would be paid by the federal government.

At the moment, the amount in the trust fund considerably exceeds the amount the insurers might be called on to pay — which means that today, the insurers have no unreimbursed costs and no risks, only profits. If the flooding this spring turns out to be less serious than is now feared, the current big influx of new policy applications means that profits will be considerably.

Negotiations are now in progress between the insurers and the Federal Insurance Administration to reduce the size of the trust fund and return some of that money to the government, to help cover the program's costs. Such a move would make no difference to the safety of your coverage, because the flood-insurance program has a call on the U.S. Treasury. "But," says Hunter, "it would mean that to earn their profits the insurance companies would have to accept a small measure of risk every year."

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Water permit for slurry pipe loses in Pierre

Pierre, S.D. (AP) — A bill granting a conditional water permit for a western South Dakota pipeline from the Missouri River to Wyoming was killed by a House committee Wednesday.

The House State Affairs Committee tabled the bill on a 7-6 vote. The bill asked for 20,000 acre feet of water annually to ship across the state for a coal slurry operation.

It would have granted the permit to Energy Transportation Systems Inc., on the condition that the project be completed within 10 years.

The company would have built a pipeline from the Missouri River to Wyoming as a backup source of water for a coal slurry pipeline from Wyoming to Arkansas.

Movie Stars Make News. The "Sunday Journal and Star" theater page makes interesting reading.

Chrysler to build littler cars

Detroit (AP) — Chrysler Corp. said it will go the route of General Motors and Ford by replacing its full size cars with smaller models in the 1979-model year to meet tougher federal fuel economy laws.

The No. 3 automaker disclosed Wednesday it will drop some, and possibly all, of its big Plymouth and Dodge models at the end of the 1977-model run this summer.

The firm also said — at its unveiling of two new small mid size cars — that the present intermediate Plymouth Fury and Dodge Monaco would be phased out at the end of the 1978-model year.

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Middle-aged son shocked by mother's life style

By Joanne Farria

DEAR JOANNE FARRIS: My wife and I are in our late 40s, and we are facing a problem we don't know how to handle. We have two children in their late teens, but the problem concerns my mother.

She raised me to be moral and decent, and my wife and I have taught our children the importance of high personal standards of morality. They know we do not approve of young adults living together without being married, and so far they have respected our wishes.

Now, Mother has taken up with a man, and she makes no bones about the fact that they live together.

I've tried to talk to her about the bad example she is setting for my youngsters. Her reply is: "They may as well learn that old people have desires and problems just like the young."

I don't really mind her having a fling, although I think it's inappropriate for a woman her age (she's 68) to be carrying on

Life Begins At Forty

like this, but I don't see why she and her friend don't get married as they are both free. They say they can't afford it.

ANSWER: You are facing one of the difficult dilemmas that middle-age brings. Not yet through with raising your own family, you feel a burden of responsibility for the younger generation at the same time that you feel called upon to lend support to your parents' generation. In your case it's not financial support that your mother wants but, I venture to say, she'd like your approbation or at least your grudging admission that she's entitled to lead her own life as she chooses. You don't see how you can be teaching one set of values to your children while you accept another set for your mother.

I invite you to reject the idea that you have to do anything

Conserve water; watch TV

San Francisco — American families own more TV sets than bathtubs. I think it's the Census Bureau gets figures like this. The Bureau counts the number of people in the U.S. every 10 years. They cannot sit around twiddling their thumbs the other nine.

The bureau often gets hopping mad when I print something like this. I don't mean it as a put-down. Gads, I'm impressed with a department of government that gets out there and chops wood on their time off.

Some people are shocked that more folks would rather watch "Charlie's Angels" than take a bath.

Now, in our waterless and parched county of Marin, Ca., we're glad to follow the trendy pattern.

"Don't take a shower! Turn on 'The Brady Bunch!'"

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"You never miss the water till the well runs dry," said my grandmother. She was full of wise sayings.

Everybody was sparing of water in those sleepy little downstate Illinois towns. Water pipes and gaslights had not reached the farms.

Baths were taken Saturday night by the light of a kerosene lamp.

The bath water was drawn from a creaky — ee-ah, ee-ah — pump that stood between the house and barn. It was drawn in buckets. Rushed to the kitchen and heated on a wood-fired stove.

It took four or five bucketsful. You had to go out and pump each one. If it was winter, you wore gloves or your skin would stick to the pump handle.

When snow was on the ground, we took very shallow baths, believe me.

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I had a splendid idea for saving water. I said: "Look, we'll start by taking a bath in the

Postcard



By Stan Delaplane

morning. Next day we'll take a bath two hours later.

"We'll start later each day. Finally it'll be bedtime and no reason to take a bath."

They said: "Good thinking, Batman!" I said: "Wash while you're taking your swimming class. Keep a small bar of soap hidden in your mouth. I'll steal some next time I'm in a hotel."

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We have no experience in saving water, that's the hell of it. We have had household drills for fire: "If the door's hot to touch from the inside, don't open it! Go out a window."

The moppets are briefed on the earthquake, predicted in all of our newspapers by some Gloomy Gus. (So I know we'll have an earthquake sometime. What do I do about it?)

"Stand in a doorway. Get under a table."

We have emergency procedures: "Always carry a dime so you can phone home if you need to."

But we never saved water before.

Oh, a little: "Scotch. Not too much water. Just a splash."

But I don't suppose that will refill the reservoirs.

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City of Metz opens museum

Metz, France (UPI) — A new archaeological museum devoted to the history of the city of Metz opened to the public with exhibits of artifacts being displayed for the first time.

The exhibits include stained-

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Cinema 2: "A Star Is Born" (R) 7:05, 9:40

Cinema X: "Erotic Fortune Cookie" (X) 24 hours, "Starlet Exposed" (X) 24 hours

Cooper/Lincoln: "Twilight's Last Gleaming" (R) 6:40, 9:15

Douglas 1: "Rocky" (PG) 5:15, 7:20, 9:25

Douglas 2: "The Town That Dreaded Sundown" (R) 5:35, 7:35, 9:35

Douglas 3: "Network" (R) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50

Embassy: "I Want You" (X) 11, 1:20, 3:40, 6, 8:20, 10:40; "Cream Rinse" (X) 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:20, 9:40, 12

Plaza 1: "Superbug, Superagent" (G) 5:45, 7:30, 9:15

Plaza 2: "The Sentinel" (R) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Plaza 3: "Thieves" (PG) 5:25, 7:25, 9:25

Plaza 4: "Spanish Fly" (R) 6, 7:40, 9:20

Stuart: "Silver Streak" (PG) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30

State: "The Erotic Adventures of Pinocchio" (X) 7, 8:30, 10

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Legislature's Committee on Committees, Capitol, noon.

Legislature's Constitutional Revision Committee, Capitol, 1:30 p.m.

Legislature's Government Committee, Capitol, 1:30 p.m.

Legislature's Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, Capitol, 2 p.m.

Legislature's Public Works Committee, Capitol, 2 p.m.

Lincoln General Hospital Board, Lincoln General, 7 p.m.

Nebraska ETV Commission, Telecommunications Center, 1:30 p.m.

Lincoln Transportation System Board, County-City Bldg., 3 p.m.

Human Rights Commission, Old Federal Bldg., 7:30 p.m.

Advisory Committee on Alcoholism Services, 2200 St. Marys, 1:30 p.m.

Performing Arts

Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Pershing Aud., 8 p.m.

"Small Craft Warnings," UNL Studio Theater, 8 p.m.

Conferences

League of Savings Associations, Neb. Center.

Financial Management Conference, Neb. Center.

Community Action Agencies Association, 301 Centennial Mall.

Acquisition and Relocation Officials of Nebraska, Hilton, Nebraska Well Drillers, Radisson Cornhusker and Pershing Aud.

Local Organizations

Democratic Luncheon, 5 O'Clock Lounge, noon.

Capital City A.A.R.P., First Federal Savings and Loan Bldg., 1 p.m.

Gamblers Anonymous, Lincoln Center Bldg., 7:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous: All Twelve Group, Hope Aud., 2015 So. 16th, 7 p.m.; Newcomers Fellowship Group, St. Matthew's, 8 p.m.; Northeast Side Group, St. Patrick's, 8 p.m.; Follow-Up Group, Southminster Methodist, 8 p.m.

Al-Anon, Fairhill Presbyterian, 8 p.m.

Alatens, Sacred Heart School, 7 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous, Hope Aud., 2015 So. 16th, 11 a.m.

Overeaters Anonymous, Sheridan Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.

Citywide Star Trek Club, Bennett Martin Library, 6 p.m.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Lincoln Star attempts to include in this column those events which are of interest to the general public or serve a public purpose and which are open to the public. (Persons wishing to suggest material for listing should address it to Lucy Olson, Box 81669, Lincoln, 68501.)

Crash kills eight

Port au Prince, Haiti (AP)

— A bus crashed on a mountain road south of Port au Prince, killing all eight persons aboard, police said.

about your mother's morals or lifestyle. If your mother has a valid point in her view that they may be learning some valuable lessons about life by having to confront her different way of living.

Your mother is very fortunate at her age to have found a suitable friend. Most widows her age are doomed by statistics to live the rest of their lives alone and many of them have a strong interest in sex but lack suitable outlets for its expression.

As far as the economics of the relationship are concerned, there's a real possibility that they can't afford to marry. Social Security benefits are often reduced when two persons receiving them separately do marry, and there may be other impediments, such as something in the terms of your father's will.

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Plurality opposed to Carter's pardon of draft resisters

By Louis Harris

A 46-42% plurality of Americans opposes the pardon President Carter issued for draft evaders during the war in Vietnam.

A 52-38% majority gave the new President a negative rating on his handling of the pardon issue. In this latest survey of 1,466 adults, Carter is criticized both by those who oppose and those who favor outright amnesty. By giving draft evaders a pardon rather than amnesty, he antagonized amnesty supporters who resent the implication of guilt in the pardon, while anti-amnesty advocates see little difference between the ideas of pardon and outright amnesty.

Sentiment against amnesty in the country is now running 61-26%, up from 58-30% recorded in 1974. An alternative plan of giving amnesty to draft evaders who fulfill some form of national service

for two years is slimly rejected by 45-41%. However, in 1974 a 45-43% plurality favored such an alternative service plan.

A 46-31% plurality rejects the argument that "by giving a pardon, President Carter is making those who refused to serve admit they did wrong, whereas amnesty would have been the right thing to do."

A solid 61-27% majority of the public feels that "it is unfair to the men who died in combat in Vietnam and to those who suffered as POWs just to let draft evaders get off like that." And 43-38% do not agree that "other Presidents in the past have issued an amnesty after other wars, so that it is only right to issue a pardon over Vietnam."

The best public feeling President Carter is able to generate is on the issue of "burying the past." A 46-43% plurality admit that he "was right to issue

Harris Poll

the pardon so that Vietnam could be left behind us in the past."

The following sectors of the population show strong support for the Carter pardon: 54-38% in the West, 55-35% among those under 30, 53-26% among blacks, 50-42% among the college educated, 50-39% among Carter voters.

But the pardon is opposed in the President's native South by 51-34%, among those 50 years of age and over by 51-34%, among those of high school education by 50-37% and among former President Ford voters by 62-30%.

Earlier this month, the Harris Survey asked the cross section:

"President Carter has issued a pardon for those who left the country and refused to serve in the armed forces during the war in Vietnam, except for deserters from the armed forces. Do you approve or disapprove of this pardon by President Carter?"

	Approve 42%	Disapprove 46%	Not Sure 12%
Nationwide			
By Region			
East	39	47	14
Midwest	45	25	10
South	34	51	15
West	54	38	8
By Age			
18-29	55	35	10
30-49	39	51	10
50 and over	34	51	15
By Education			
8th grade	36	47	17
High School	37	50	13
College	50	42	8
By Race			
White	40	49	11
Black	55	25	21
By vote in 1976			
Ford	30	62	8
Carter	50	39	11

"A pardon implies that they were guilty but are now free from penalty. Total amnesty would imply that there was no guilt. Would you favor or oppose giving total amnesty to those men who left the country and refused to serve in the armed forces during the Vietnam War?"

"Would you favor giving amnesty to those who left the country and refused to serve in the armed forces during the war in Vietnam if they had to spend two years in some form of national service other than the military, or don't you feel that would be right?"

1977 1974
Favor amnesty 41% 45%
Don't feel that's right 45% 43%
Not sure 14% 12%

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Jackie holds court

New York (UPI) — Jacqueline Onassis held court deep in Grand Central Station Wednesday to plead for the salvation of the old terminal which is to many — like Jackie — a symbol of class.

Under the terra cotta arches of a subterranean restaurant bigger than most modern train stations in its own right, a smiling Mrs. Onassis marshaled what she called "the last charge" to halt the destruction of the 64-year-old station.

With Mayor Abraham Beame and the elite of New York's art world at her side, Mrs. Onassis told a news conference that Grand Central, where 538 trains arrive each day, "stands as a universal symbol between New York City's past and present."

Mrs. Onassis, wearing a chocolate-brown, turtle-necked knit dress and no jewelry except for a watch and a simple gold band on her finger, was there to support a court fight being waged by the Committee To Save Grand Central Station.

After waving away a breakfast of sweet rolls and smoked salmon offered by the Oyster Bar waiters, Mrs. Onassis rose to say, "Grand Central is like our beaches and our forests. It is a natural resource."

"This is the marshaling of the last charge. And I think we will prevail."

Beame called Grand Central "the grandest, most-loved train station in the world."

Philip Johnson, architect and another impassioned defender, declared, "Grand Central is to New York what Notre Dame is to Paris."

Mrs. Onassis and the committee notwithstanding, Penn Central Railroad says the old terminal, built of Connecticut granite with a facade longer than two football fields, is a white elephant. The railroad wants to build a 59-story office tower at the site.

But in 1967, the copper-topped terminal, with its sculptures and marbled floors and ornaments, was declared a landmark by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. Six years later Penn Central sued to strike that landmark status and in 1975 the railroad won its case.

After a long and complicated legal battle, the case now goes before the New York Court of Appeals this spring.

Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton put into words what many at the meeting were thinking.

"Grand Central is like Jackie Onassis — a place of class — and it ought to be preserved," Sutton said.

That brought laughs including a chuckle from Mrs. Onassis.

Grand Central Station was built in 1916 at a cost of \$65 million. It would cost almost \$1 billion to build the same structure today, the committee says.

Designed in the Ecole des Beaux Arts style of Architecture, its main concourse is 275 feet long, 120 feet wide and 125 feet tall.

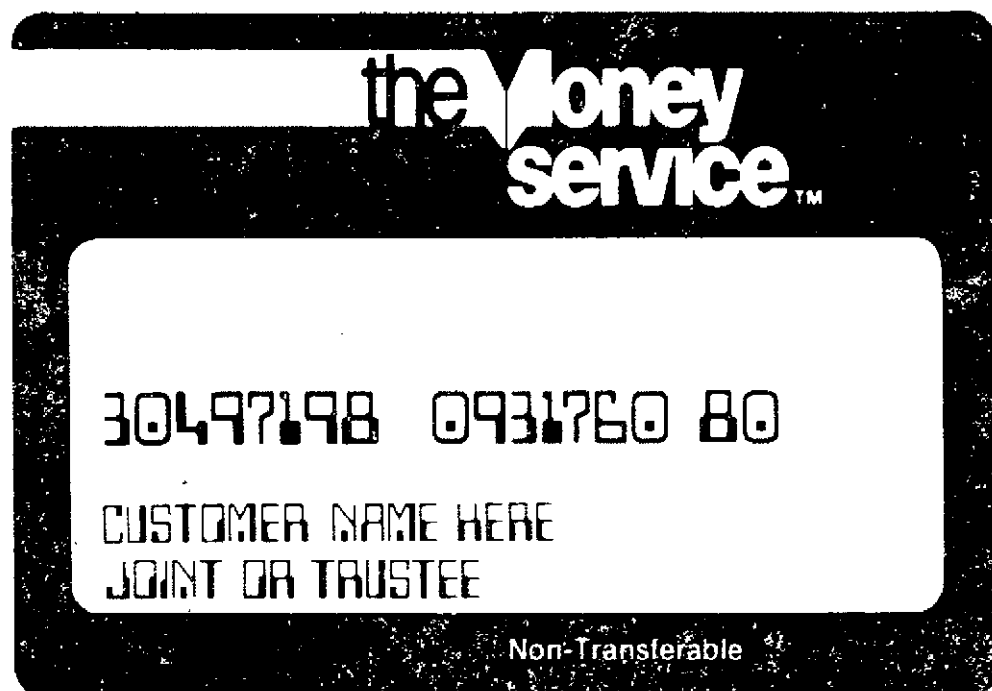
Wilkins takes his chances

Toronto (AP) — Clarence S. Wilkins says he will take a chance and not appear in court to defend from a charge of a traffic citation he recently received.

The resident of Edmonton in the Canadian province of Alberta says he's innocent of "speed bumping" despite the highway patrolman's notation on the ticket.

And Wilkins notes the ticket lists a nonexistent date for his court appearance — Feb. 29.

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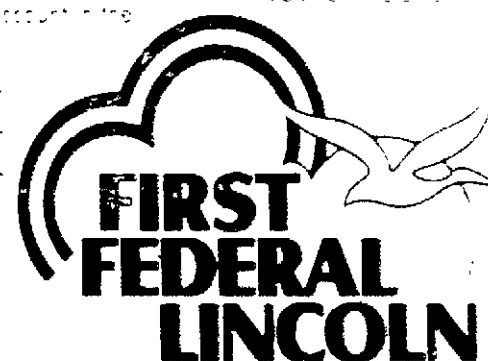
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Support prices boosted

Washington (UPI) — Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland Wednesday announced expected hikes of 8 to 10% in support target prices for 1977 grain and cotton crops and added he is considering possible hikes in crop support loan rates for grains and soybeans.

The rate hikes had been anticipated because they are governed by an "escalator" formula included in a 1973 farm support law which expires this year. Congress is considering proposals for extension of the law with changes designed to provide further hikes in the future.

Bergland said the target price for the 1977 corn crop would be \$1.70 a bushel, up 8.3% from last season's \$1.57. The new wheat target will be \$2.47 a bushel, up 7.9% from last year's \$2.29.

For cotton, the 1977 target is 47.8 cents a pound, up 10.6% from last year's 43.2 cents a pound.

Under the 1973 law, the target prices serve to trigger direct government payments to growers if average market prices for crops covered by the program fall below the target level. The law required this year's increases because it includes a formula which raises the targets in line with 1976 increases in an Agriculture Department index of farm production costs.

Since the system went into effect for grains and cotton beginning with 1974 crops, no direct payments have been needed because market prices have averaged above the target rates.

Crop support loan rates — a second phase of the support program which are set below the target prices and serve to put a floor under farm markets — were set for 1977 crops last fall. Bergland said the rates for wheat, feed grains and soybeans "are being reviewed and a decision on final loan levels will be announced at a later date."

The previously announced loan rates include \$2.25 a bushel for wheat, \$1.50 a bushel for corn and \$2.50 a bushel for soybeans. Many farm groups have been pressing for hikes in those floors, and Bergland has said earlier he wants to move the wheat and corn rates closer together — presumably by raising the corn support alone or by simultaneous hikes for both grains.

Bergland set the 1977 target for grain sorghum at \$1.62 a bushel compared with \$1.49 last year and the barley target at \$1.89 compared with \$1.28 last year.

Chairman Herman E. Talmadge, D-Ga., of the Senate Agriculture Committee meanwhile told witnesses at a committee hearing on new farm legislation that targets set under existing law are below farmers' production costs. The panel is considering legislation which would raise supports and tie them to a cost of production formula.

Jews stage sit-in

Moscow (UPI) — Nearly 150 Jews in 12 Soviet cities staged sit-in demonstrations at their local parliaments demanding written explanations for the government's refusal to permit them to emigrate. Jewish sources said

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Basketball

Creighton University has been rated 15th in this week's United Press International coaches' poll, gathering 20 points to break into the Top 20 for the first time this season.

Creighton coach Tom Apke said he is "happy to be put there, but a little apprehensive as we go into two tough road games. We don't need something to get them fired up."

The Bluejays, now 21-3, will play at North Texas State Saturday and at North Carolina-Charlotte Monday.

Other Basketball

The New York Knicks, struggling to overtake Boston for a National Basketball Association playoff berth, have reactivated star forward Spencer Haywood who has been out since mid-January with a knee injury.

The Golden State Warriors have placed forward Dwight Davis on the injured reserve list and signed free agent Larry McNeill, formerly with the Kansas City Kings and the New York Nets.

A pair of Big Ten guards, Rickey Green of Michigan and Minnesota's Ray Williams are leading the balloting for the sixth Annual Pizza Hut Basketball Classic to be played April 5 in Las Vegas. Kim Anderson and Jim Kennedy of Missouri and Kansas State's Larry Dassie are 4th, 12th and 13th in the balloting for the West Aquad. The top eight vote-getters make each club.

Indiana all-American Ken Benson, has been sidelined for the season with an aggravated back injury.

Football

Al Davis, chief executive officer of the Oakland Raiders, has been voted National Football League Executive of the Year by his fellow general managers.

Cleveland Browns' wide receiver Paul Warfield says the 1977 season will be his last in the national Football League.

The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority has announced that defending national champion Pittsburgh and perennial powerhouse Notre Dame will each play games in the New York metropolitan area this fall and Alabama may be coming in 1978. Notre Dame will play Army Oct. 15 and Pitt plays the Cadets, Nov. 12 in Giants Stadium.

Baseball

The Chicago Cubs have announced the signing of six players Wednesday, leaving six still negotiating contracts. Signed Wednesday were pitchers Bill Bonham and Steve Renko, and Bill Buckner, Gene Cline and Ivan DeJesus.

Outfielder Mike Lum has agreed to terms of a two-year contract with the Cincinnati Reds, according to Dick Wagner, executive vice president and general manager.

The Pittsburgh Pirates announced the signing of four veterans and two rookies to 1977 contracts. The veterans are Dave Gulisti, Bob Robertson, Bruce Kison and Jim Rooker.

Six Kansas City Royals players signed 1977 contracts Wednesday including pitcher Dennis Leonard. Signed Wednesday were outfielders Hal McRae and Tom Poquette, first baseman Pete Lacombe, shortstop Fred Patek and pitcher Larry Gura.

Boxing

ABC Sports has signed former Olympic boxer Sugar Ray Leonard to a multiyear contract, giving the network exclusive television rights to his future fights.

Wilfredo Benitez, the youngest fighter ever to win a world title, will meet Mel Dennis at the Marion Correction Facility Sunday in a welterweight bout that highlights quarterfinal action in the U.S. Boxing Championships.

Other Sports

A 17-17 tie between Iowa and Iowa State last Saturday left the top teams unchanged in the weekly Amateur Wrestling News ratings. Iowa remains No. 1, Oklahoma State second and Iowa State is third.

The Cleveland Barons have been saved from financial extinction by a \$1.3 million refinancing program which included a loan of \$500,000 to the team by the National Hockey League's Players Association.

Mark Roth of New York moved ahead of idle Earl Anthony of Tacoma, Wash., for the lead in the Professional Bowlers Association money rankings this week with a tie for 30th in last week's Overland Park, Kan., tournament.

Former Olympic figure skater Dorothy Hamill has filed a \$600,000 lawsuit in U.S. District Court, alleging that her former coach ruined her reputation in connection with a suit filed earlier by the Denver coach, Carlo Fassi, which contends that Miss Hamill and her parents failed to pay fees and expenses totaling \$98,000.



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Amputee earns spot on prep swim team

Miami (AP) — "I knew I'd never be any Mark Spitz. I'm just showing I can do it to myself," said Steve Southerland, who lost a leg to cancer but has battled back to earn a spot on his high school swim team.

I want to be treated just like everyone else," said the 16-year-old, one of four members of his family treated for cancer. "I'm not trying to prove anything about handicapped people. I don't think it is so abnormal to have a one-legged swimmer."

Steve's left leg was removed in 1974 because of bone cancer. Five years earlier, 4-year-old brother Jeffrey died of lymphatic leukemia.

Another brother, Michael, 11, underwent treatment for nerve cancer discovered when he was four. He has since had no recurrence.

Their father, policeman Raymond Southerland, was operated on last year for a brain tumor.

It was two months after Steve's operation before his mother, Jane, managed to coax him into the family swimming pool.

The block had been that I never wanted anyone to see my stump," said Steve, who has a near "A" average and is junior class vice president at Kilham High School. "Now, everybody sees it at practices and the meets."

"What's great is that I'm taken as an equal, just another swimmer."

Steve credits his classmates, parents and coach for moral

support, but said he has received no favoritism in "fulfilling my own personal dream." "He's done it beautifully," his mother said. "Sometimes I'd sit back and watch him fall and work to get up and I'd want to run and help, but I knew he had to do it himself."

Coach Pat Toner lost the sight of his left eye while he was a college swimmer. "I knew when I lost the eye I didn't want it looked at as a handicap. I could tell that Steve looked at it the same way," the coach said.

Steve, who never done competitive swimming before his amputation, admitted he was afraid when tryouts came in August that "I'd make a fool of myself."

"That first day they all watched me," he said. "Many thought it was a big joke or that I wouldn't last or wouldn't be any good. But it's changed."

Steve suffered a setback in September when he broke his right ankle and was forced to sit in a wheelchair for a month. A doctor finally fit him with a fiberglass plastic cast and Steve rejoined team workouts, spending 2 1/2 hours a night to dry his cast with a hair dryer.

"I don't give him any special considerations," Toner said. "I have to admit that secretly, I root pretty hard for him."

Although Steve's 29.6-second time for 50 meters if four to six seconds slower than some teammates and may keep him on the sidelines in some tough meets, he was in all four of Kilham's first meets.



Steve Southerland... active swimmer

In the season opener three weeks ago, he swam the anchor portion for the 400-meter freestyle team in the Dade County relays. Steve began his 100-meter portion with a two-yard lead and held on to win by inches.

"I had finally answered the question," he said. "I could do it."

Doane nips Dana in 2 OT

Blair (AP) — Frank Hogan scored a layup to send Doane into overtime against Dana College Wednesday night and scored another in the second overtime to earn a 78-77 basketball victory.

Doane jumped ahead by eight points in the second overtime, 76-68, when Hogan and Fernando Chavennes each scored baskets and Randy Wenz hit from outside and tallied two free throws.

But the stubborn Dana team that had only one NIAC conference victory shot back on six points from Dick Johnson. Randy Wenz of Doane was called on a technical and Dana's Stan Gustafson made one of the two free throws.

Doane wound up regular season play with a 19-7 record and 8-2 in the conference. Dana ended 4-19 for the season.

Doane — Hogan 23, Strong 18, Chavennes 12, Eubanks 8, Wenz 8, Webster 6, Anderson 4, Dana — Johnson 20, Cissell 16, Gustafson 12, Jensen 6, Rettig 4, Hass 4, Thomson 1.

Pleasanton Hits Alma in playoff

Kearney — Pleasanton, second-ranked in Class C, got a 16-point effort from Gisel Hand here Wednesday night to defeat Alma, 47-32, in girls regional basketball competition and earn a berth in next week's Girls State High School Basketball Tournament.

Pleasanton 47, Alma 32
Pleasanton — 13 15 10 9-47
Alma — 12 12 4 14-32
Pleasanton — Busch 5, Hand 16, Zwiener 9, Trimble 12, Hunter 5, Alma — Groff 17, McInturf 6, Long 9.

Fowler leads Hordville

Hordville — Marla Fowler pumped in 19 points to lead Hordville to a 54-31 win over Hampton here Wednesday night in the Region D-3 championship game.

Hordville, ranked sixth in Class D, advances to the state tournament with an 18-0 record. Hampton finished at 12-5.

D-3 at Hordville
Hordville 54, Hampton 31
Hampton — 10 10 9 8-31
Hordville — 10 10 17 19-54
Hampton — Winder 11, T. Trester 4, St. Troester 4, Hick 9, Bedinger 2, Hansen 1.
Hordville — Fowler 19, Schulte 6, Timmons 10, Chader 10, Gustafson 2, Shoup 7.

Diller upsets Table Rock '5'

Filley — Diller took advantage of a slow start by Table Rock to move to a 11-4 first-quarter advantage and then hung on to upend the state's seventh-ranked Class D team, 40-36, in Region 1 tournament action here Wednesday night.

The victory advances Diller into this week's Class D Girls State Basketball Tournament.

D-1 at Filley
Diller 40, Table Rock 36
Diller — 11 10 5 14-40
Table Rock — 10 10 10 11-35
Diller — Schmidt 14, Schiack 14, Langenberger 8, Kisting 12, Schoenrock 2, Table Rock — Willis 12, Birder 9, Gotula 6, Covell 5, Kent 4.

Gurley rolls to victory

Bridgeport — Gurley qualified for the girls state tournament next week with a 38-24 victory over Harrisburg here Wednesday night in the Region D-8 championship game.

Gurley, now 14-1 and rated third in Class D, was led by Valerie Schumacher's 24 points, while Joni Madison's seven markers were high for Harrisburg.

D-8 at Bridgeport
Gurley 38, Harrisburg 24
Harrisburg — 6 7 9 2-24
Gurley — 8 11 12 7-38
Harrisburg — Madison 7, Johnson 6, Linn 4, Downer 2, Larson 2, Darnell 2, Van Pelt 1.
Gurley — Schumacher 24, Mainer 7, A. Sanford 2, G. Sanford 2, Honeine 2, Wolf 1.

NHL Standings

Campbell Conference										
Patrick Division					Smyth Division					
W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pts.	
Pittsburgh	35	12	12	84	244	St. Louis	17	17	17	102
N.Y. Islanders	25	22	11	61	207	Chicago	12	18	12	65
Atlanta	25	24	11	61	190	Colorado	10	19	11	51
N.Y. Rangers	23	25	13	59	217	Minnesota	7	22	6	29
						Vancouver	7	22	6	29
Norris Division										
W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pts.	
Montreal	15	17	12	84	185	Philadelphia	12	18	12	65
Pittsburgh	15	17	12	84	185	Colorado	10	19	11	51
L.A. Kings	15	17	12	84	185	Washington	10	19	11	51
Washington	15	17	12	84	185	Detroit	10	19	11	51
Detroit	15	17	12	84	185					

Wales Conference										
Adams Division					Smyth Division					
W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pts.	
Pittsburgh	36	15	9	81	210	St. Louis	17	17	17	102
Boston	24	21	9	72	213	Chicago	12	18	12	65
Toronto	24	21	9	72	213	Colorado	10	19	11	51
Cleveland	24	21	9	72	213	Minnesota	7	22	6	29
						Vancouver	7	22	6	29

Wednesday's Results									
N.Y. Rangers 5, Toronto 2	Montreal 4, Atlanta 2	Chicago 5, Detroit 2	Minnesota 2, Boston 1	Buffalo 5, Cleveland 3	Philadelphia 4, Buffalo 2	Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 2	Colorado 2, Los Angeles 1	San Jose 2, Vancouver 1	San Jose 2, Vancouver 1
Thursday's Games									
Philadelphia at Buffalo	Pittsburgh at Detroit	San Jose at Los Angeles	Vancouver at Los Angeles	N.Y. Islanders at Cleveland	Minnesota at Atlanta	Toronto at Washington	Boston at Colorado		
Friday's Games									
Golden State at Buffalo	Detroit at N.Y. Nets	N.Y. Knicks at New Orleans	Atlanta at Chicago	Denver at Kansas City	Philadelphia at Los Angeles	Houston at Portland	Boston at Seattle		

NBA Standings

Eastern Conference									
Atlantic Division					Central Division				
W	L	T	Pct.	GB	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	35	21	.595	—	Washington	34	24	.584	—
Boston	32	29	.520	7	San Antonio	32	26	.552	2
N.Y. Knicks	32	27	.540	9	Chicago	30	26	.536	3
Buffalo	29	33	.466	13	Indiana	28	30	.483	5
N.Y. Nets	19	43	.302	17 1/2	Atlanta	23	36	.390	11 1/2
Western Conference									
Midwest Division					Pacific Division				
W	L	T	Pct.	GB	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Denver	36	21	.630	—	L.A. Lakers	36	22	.619	—
Detroit	35	24	.593	1 1/2	Portland	32	24	.571	4
Kansas City	30	30	.500	6 1/2	Golden State	27	24	.528	9 1/2
Chicago	27	33	.447	10 1/2	Phoenix	26	30	.467	12
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Harold Rademacher, a price support and storage management specialist for the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), has been named to act as the state ASCS committee chairman until the Carter administration can appoint its own committee.

The three-man committee, all Republicans, was terminated as of Feb. 18 in a message from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington.

The three are Willard Heyne of Fremont, Arlee Phillips of Hemingford and A. George Alexander of Deshler.

Rademacher, a native of Sherman County, started his ASCS career as a county committeeman in Sherman County where he served as chairman for 10 years.



Harold Rademacher ... support specialist.

He was an employee in Sherman County's ASCS office for seven years. He has been storage management and price support program specialist since April of 1966.

Omaha firm's bid apparent low

Electronic Sound Systems of Omaha was the apparent low bidder to install a new sound system at the Pinewood Bowl in Pioneer Park.

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BROX — Mrs. Ethel, 82 (widow of the Rev. Joe), Blair, died Wednesday at Blair. Born at Powell. Attended Peru Normal School. Member Grace United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women. Educated at Fairbury. Methodist charges at Cairo, Cedar Rapids, Hershey, Lowell, Newark, Silver Creek, Surprise-Ulysses. Retired in Lincoln. Lived at Crowell. Masonic Home several years. Survivors: daughter, Mrs. Lawrence (June) Holm, Sutherland, brother, Harold Helvey, Lincoln, sisters, Mrs. Frank (Mabel) McKie, Mrs. Perry (Lena) Rohrbawgh, both Lincoln, Mrs. Earl (Pauline) Carpenter, Ramona, Calif., two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

Services 3 p.m. Friday, LINCOLN MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, 6800 So. 14th. The Rev. Guy McClure, Wyuka, pallbearers. Jim Holm, John Lamphear, Bill Krempke, Gail McKie, Darold, Robert, and Jack Rohrbawgh.

COOPER — Charlotte R., 64, 4917 Walker, died Monday. Graveside services 11 a.m. Friday, Lincoln Memorial Park METCALF FUNERAL HOME, 245 No. 27th. Memorials to Second United Presbyterian Church or Cancer Fund.

LYTLE — Evelyn C., (widow of Earl O.), 82, 3636 No. 9th, died Tuesday. Services 1:30 p.m. Friday, ROPER & SONS, 4300 O Fairview Cemetery.

MEISINGER — Walter, 64, 1850 So. 50th, died Tuesday. Services 1:30 p.m. Thursday, First-Plymouth Congregational Church Lin-

coln Memorial Park. **HODGMAN** — SPLAIN — **ROBERTS MORTUARY**, 4040 A. Memorials to Shrine Crippled Children's Fund. Pallbearers: John Massara, Jack Evans, Ralph Knudsen, Victor Wendelin, Walter Byers, Henry Greenwalt.

MOORE — H. Lucile, 2200 So. 52nd, died Wednesday. Born in Iowa. Retired office manager. Member First United Methodist Church, Des Moines, Iowa. Survivors: sister, Genevieve Moore, Lincoln, cousin, Mrs. John McArthur, Lincoln, nephews and nieces: **ROPER & SONS**, 4300 O.

PANEVICS — Victoria, 64, 535 So. 30th, died Saturday. Services 3:30 p.m. Thursday, **ROPER & SONS MORTUARY**, 4300 O Wyuka.

SCHMIDLIN — John A., 63, 1030 No. 48th, died Tuesday. LINCOLN MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, 6800 So. 14th.

SHAW — Clara B., 83, 1145 South St., died Tuesday. Services 2 p.m. Thursday, **ROPER & SONS MORTUARY**, 4300 O Wyuka. Pallbearers: Jerry Dietz, Vincent, John and Robert Mikesh, Carl Medley, Doug Churchill. The Rev. Paul Martin.

WOLFE — Dorothy, 1929 Connie Road, died Tuesday. Longtime Lincoln resident. Member Chi Omega sorority, Trinity Methodist Church. University of Nebraska graduate. Attended William Woods College in Missouri. Survivors: son, John, Denver, daughter, Mrs. Ray (Jacqueline) Houdesheldt, Fort Collins, Colo., brother, Guy Jackson, Fort Collins.

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C9—Lincoln Cable local only. C2—Kansas City KBVA C8—Nebraska's WTCN

Cable numbers and rates Lincoln cable channel. Programs are as listed by stations. Weekday daytime programs listed on Sunday and Monday.

Thursday Evening

5:00 31 Bewitched 7:44 ABC News 12:13 ETV Sesame Street 39 Terrylions C2 Andy Griffith 38 I Love Lucy

5:30 Most Stations: News C4 I Dream of Jeannie C2 Dick Van Dyke C8 My Three Sons

6:00 Most Stations: News 71 Brady Bunch 12:13 ETV SUN Applied Sketching C2 Emergency One C8 The Odd Couple

6:30 31 The Odd Couple 3: Wild Kingdom 1:08 Adam 12—Drama 12:11 Frankly Female 12:13 MacNeil/Lehrer C4 To Tell the Truth C5 Concentration

7:00 3:05 Fantastic Journey Warrior colony of young boy about Scott 4:05 CBS The Waltons Grandpa disrupts hospita trying to be near Esther 7:44 ABC Welcome Back Kotter Comedy 12:13 One Upon A Classic David Copperfield C9 Movie—Love Is a Ball C28 Ten Who Dared

7:30 7:44 ABC What's Happening? 12:13 ETV Wild, Wild World of Animals

8:00 3:05 NBC Best Seller Seventh Avenue Poor young man becomes power in garment industry 4:05 CBS Hawaii Five-O Both victim and abductors are missing in strange kid napping case 7:44 ABC Barney Miller Wojto arrests diplomat in kid napping charge 12:13 ETV Outdoor Neb

C2 Movie—On A Clear Day You Can See Forever

Fire destroys farm equipment

Rock Falls, Iowa (UPI) — Fire of an undetermined origin destroyed some farm equipment on the Russell Rippen farm southeast of here.

Firefighters from Nora Springs and Plymouth, hampered by strong, gusty winds fought the blaze. Destroyed were three tractors, a combine, a planter, some corn, tools and a snowmobile.

Damage was estimated at several hundred thousand dollars.

Lincoln Record Book

Marriage Licenses

Boardman, Jimmy Loy, 2545 Cornhusker #4 25 Ruebush, Rebecca Ann, 2545 Cornhusker #4 18 Mail, Michael Leroy, Firth, 22 Haase, Diane Mar E 1744 Sewell St, 22 Livingston, Mary Kathleen 2534 Franklin 19

Births

Lincoln General Hospital Daughters

Kontos — Mr and Mrs James (Tracy Gaughan), 2835 Cedar, Feb 22

White — Mr and Mrs Richard (Darlene McMeekin), Crete, Feb 23

St. Elizabeth Health Center Sons

Byington — Dr and Mrs Robert (Jane Weir), 1111 Coachman Feb 23

Spero — Mr and Mrs Ronald (Jean Crisp), 835 Moraine, Feb 22

Siedhoff — Mr and Mrs Francis (Peggy Means), Crete, Feb 23

Daughters

Witkovski — Mr and Mrs Marc (Nancy Dreier), 400 S 51st, Feb 23rd

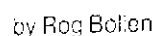
Snoody — Mr and Mrs Donald (Ellen Redding), 1717 A St, Feb 23

Berandt — Mr and Mrs Alan (Kathryn Blocker), 5440 Covey Court, Feb 22

Public Notices — PUBLIC NOTICE — PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT. OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
Notice of Public Hearing for Jail Standards
Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing to be held by the Department of Correctional Services on March 3, 1977 at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the State Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, concerning the development and adoption of Agency Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 84.02, Nebraska Revised Statutes, which Rules and Regulations are being considered for adoption under the authority granted in SB 945 to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.
BY EUGENE T. VAHONEY, Director

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Roads of the State of Nebraska at the State Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, for the Department of Roads, Item 1, Sealed Bids for the Construction of a 10' x 12' x 12' concrete bridge over the South Platte River at the intersection of U.S. 77 and U.S. 27, Lincoln, Nebraska, on or before March 24, 1977, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Bids will be opened and read in the presence of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 24, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. Bids must be accompanied by a check for \$5,000.00, payable to the order of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, as a guarantee of the bidder's ability to perform the work. 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by Star Drake



Mary Worth

IF MRS WORTH TURNS US DOWN, MAYBE WE SHOULD GIVE UP THE CRUISE, SUE?

ABSOLUTELY **NOT**, BEN! IF I CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THAT HOUSE FOR AWHILE YOU CAN MEASURE ME FOR A **STRAIT-JACKET!**

NOW LOOK! YOU DO HAVE GOOD HELP, SUE!

SOME HELP! A COUPLE WHO HARDLY SPEAK ENGLISH!

AND I'M NURSE, COMPANION, WAITRESS AND COMPLAINT HANDLER FOR A SURLY OLD MAN WITH A BROKEN LEG!

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MY FATHER, SUE!

by Ken Ernst

by Mort Walker & Dix Browne

Beetle Bailey by Mor W. K.

Rip Kirby

by John Prentice & Fred D. Jensen

THERE'S MORE WHERE THIS CAME FROM IF YOU LAND A REAL HAYMAKER ON THAT STUNT MAN, CHARLIE.

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN, MR. FORBES.

I FEEL LIKE A TERRIBLE FRAUD, BUT WE CAN'T HAVE THE LEADING MAN INJURED.

A SCENE, NOT ALL MAKE-BELIEVE EPIPHITS

R **The Pyggs** by Jack Elrod **The Girls** by Jack Elrod

Yesterday's Answer

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2 Photocopy.	30 Wage
for short	earner's
8 Control by	joy
political	31 Firework
pros	ingredient
4 Heighten	36 Actress
5 Adam's son	37 Mary —
7 Distress	37 Chinese
9 Swiss city	dynasty

Astrological Forecast

By Sidney Omarr
Friday, February 25, 1977 LIBRA (Sept. 23 Oct. 22) Look beyond

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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) — Embosses your imagination. A dialogue with relative concerning your e-mail messages. Relationship visited. You are going to complete a project. Dead end. A person is not going to be your friend. A lot of things are made at this time. A drawing.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 20) — Lunar cycle. A person is not going to be your friend. A lot of things are made at this time. A drawing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20) — Lunar cycle. A person is not going to be your friend. A lot of things are made at this time. A drawing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 20) — Lunar cycle. A person is not going to be your friend. A lot of things are made at this time. A drawing.

PISCES (Feb. 21-March 20) — Lunar cycle. A person is not going to be your friend. A lot of things are made at this time. A drawing.

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Write a program that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number is 10000, add 6 more; subtract 4. If the number is less than 4, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner of the rectangle and check every one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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